Belarus’ Statement at the General Assembly Dialogue on the Responsibility to Protect [Transcribed]

Thank you. Belarus supports the focus of this year’s report on one of the main components of RtoP, which is providing assistance to states. The question of preventing these crimes and protecting these populations is a matter for States, while non-interference is regulated by the UN Charter. Therefore, providing assistance is very appropriate for work done by international community.

Discharging the corresponding mandates of international organizations and the entire UN system, including on RtoP, will be helped by the constructive work to be done on preventing crimes that come under the concept. In particular, there are reasons to connect the monitoring that is done on human rights by the Special Rapporteurs and the other bodies that deal with genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and ethnic cleansing. Coordination between these systems would be consistent with their nature. This structure has its own challenges and abilities to act in implementing treaties having to do with genocide and other crimes.

Paragraph 43 of the report on international assistance is somewhat contentious, in context of the so-called framed or conditional assistance. Stopping external assistance to states is absurd especially since we need an assessment on the ground. But we are interested in specific obstacles that would stop the most terrible crimes.

Although these are important themes and must be the basis of an assessment, we need to take into account wider range of socio-economic conditions. It would be desirable for the UN Secretariat legal service to develop a report. This question needs to be studied in depth and the terms adopted accordingly. Thank you.