

STATEMENT BY QATAR AT THE INFORMAL INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE ON THE  
RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT  
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Thank you Mr. Chairman, we'll try to be brief.

Regarding what civilians face in different parts of the world, this sounds the knell for intervention in many cases. We believe that these situations require the implementation of existing mechanisms in the UN for protection of civilians, putting an end to impunity and it requires that the GA should implement laws having to do with Protection of Civilians as part of the UN Charter and international humanitarian law and human rights.

Countries are responsible for protecting their civilians. At the same time, international assistance is necessary in some cases. The complementarity of the responsibility of the state, an international responsibility, can produce positive results.

In this area, the Security Council has some responsibilities under the Charter to coordinate efforts with the GA and the Human Rights Council while focusing on regional and sub-regional arrangements for more effective cooperation.

Qatar has always contributed to Protection of Civilians and the application of international law and peaceful settlement of conflicts. We believe that the situation that we see in the world and the need, therefore, to protect civilians against the violation of human rights—this situation requires the implementation of international norms for the protection of civilians under the charter and international humanitarian law.

In addition to existing discussions to develop the concept of R2P as part of protection of civilians, International law and jurisprudence should go hand-in-hand as part of the solution for conflicts. This requires [sic] assistance given to states in order to establish law-based institutions which would allow these states to discharge their responsibilities to protect civilians and with everyone having appropriate ownership with respect to crimes against humanity.