

**Background Briefing: Responsibility to Protect after Libya and Cote D'Ivoire** Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect

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The Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect has updated their background briefing on Libya and Cote D'Ivoire. In this background briefing, see answers to commonly posed questions and concerns including:

- How decisive was the Libyan crisis in the evolution of R2P?
- To what extent did values or interests dictate the response to Libya?
- Was there an alternative to resolution 1973?
- Does the resort to the use of force mean a return to "humanitarian intervention?"
- Did NATO overstep their Protection of Civilians mandate in Libya?
- What were the main challenges facing the military strategy to protect civilians in Libya?
  
- What factors explain why the Security Council took action on Libya but not Syria?
- What do Côte d'Ivoire and Libya tell us about the relationship between R2P and regime change?
- What more could have been done to prevent atrocities in Côte d'Ivoire?
- What do recent experiences in Libya and Côte d'Ivoire suggest about the R2P responsibilities of regional organizations?
- Has implementation in Côte d'Ivoire and Libya undermined the credibility of R2P?

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