

Statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, African Integration and International Cooperation of Chad to the United Nations, at the Security Council Meeting on Protecting civilians in the context of peacekeeping operations 2016

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"While bearing in mind the primary responsibility of the parties to the conflict to protect civilians, we should also emphasize the importance of the contributions of regional and subregional organizations, local actors and non-governmental organizations in strengthening protection for civilians. In that regard, the effectiveness of peacekeeping operations in protecting civilians also includes developing closer interaction and coordination of protection activities among those stakeholders, in particular regional and subregional organizations, which have a comparative advantage with regard to proximity to a situation, knowledge of the terrain and ease of communication with local populations. As part of their interaction, we should also highlight the need for missions to demonstrate independence and impartiality, so as to safeguard their credibility in all instances. In that connection, the United Nations should avoid that the concept of the protection of civilians serve as a pretext for justifying regime change, military intervention or any other action contrary to the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations."

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