

Thinking About Libya, the Responsibility to Protect and Regime Change: A “Lessons Learned” Discussion Paper

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When the United Nations Security Council passed two resolutions to stop Moammar Gaddafi from continuing to harm his civilian population in the spring of 2011, it was acting on a real need and in accordance with the 2005 UN policy on the Responsibility to Protect (R2P).

However, the application of the R2P norm was not letter-perfect. In a WFM- Canada discussion paper, Robin Collins explores many of the questions and ambiguities surrounding the Libya conflict and concludes by stressing the importance of effective implementation of September’s UN Security Council resolution 2009, setting out a framework for post-conflict reconciliation and reconstruction in Libya.

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