

Responsibility to Protect Amendment Sheets

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Early on in the first day of the General Assembly's meeting, the debate was roaring. The delegates set an order of topics and agreed upon the topic "Responsibility to Protect." The delegate from Lebanon, an advocate of the topic, stated that "The delegation of Lebanon believes that the issue of 'Responsibility to Protect' is quite pertinent to the United Nations and the General Assembly as a whole ... because as an international community we must secure the human rights of all people no matter what nation they are in." In the middle of debate, committee was stopped when all amendment forms went missing thirty minutes into session, despite there only being four amendments on the floor at the time. The delegate from Afghanistan said this in response to the emergency: "We

believe that the amendment sheet shortage is a serious crisis that needs to be dealt with immediately. [The] Committee's thoughts cannot be actively propelled onto the stage of the committee." After recovering three amendment sheets from the desks of delegates, an unmoderated caucus was held. Following the caucus, there was a period of formal debate and a committee of the whole to discuss amendments. At the time of voting, six unfriendly amendments had been proposed. With this high amount of progress being achieved, the General Assembly will continue working on this resolution with the goal of passing it and making a difference in the way "Responsibility to Protect" is handled by all United Nations Member States.