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Topic: Responsibility to Protect
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1 **WELCOMING** the 2005 UN Responsibility to Protect (R2P) initiative to prevent states from
2 committing mass atrocity crimes of: war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide, and ethnic
3 cleansing, and
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5 **RECOGNIZING** the three pillars of R2P, in which the international community has the
6 responsibility to assist states who cannot protect their own citizens against mass atrocity crimes
7 and the responsibility to intervene in non-compliant states that cannot or will not protect their
8 citizens against these crimes, and
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10 **AWARE** that military intervention against such non-compliant states is a measure of last resort
11 only sanctioned by the Security Council as outlined in chapter VII in the UN Charter in order to
12 maintain peace, and
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14 **GRIEVED** that a single veto vote by a permanent member of the Security Council could render
15 a R2P resolution ineffective causing populations to experience mass atrocity crimes indefinitely,
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18 **RECALLING** the genocides in Rwanda and Bosnia as examples for the need for a R2P plan to
19 be put in place in order prevent other similar atrocities from occurring;
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21 1) **SUPPORTS** regional organizations to implement a similar policy as the article 4,
22 clause h. of the African Union (AU) charter that gives the AU the right to intervene in
23 member states in "grave circumstances, namely war crimes, genocide and crimes against
24 humanity;"
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26 2) **CALLS UPON** permanent members of the Security Council to collectively agree to
27 refrain from using their veto votes when dealing with matters of R2P of states when
28 credible evidence of mass atrocities are being committed;
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30 3) **STRESSES** the UN to assist compliant states to eliminate mass atrocity crimes and to
31 only use military intervention if all other actions, including economic sanctions, have
32 failed in eliminating these crimes;
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34 4) **ACKNOWLEDGES** the right of states to maintain national sovereignty from R2P
35 intervention if and only if the state upholds its responsibility to protect its citizens from
36 mass atrocities.