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Member States since 2005 have by and large expressed their understanding that using force through the relevant channel in the context of R2P, i.e. Security Council, is considered to be the last resort. Moreover, as noted by the SG in the report under consideration, even pillar three of R2P does compare several measures that do not necessarily call for use of coercive measures.

This is an observation that can be shared. However since militarism and war are deeply rooted in the political culture of certain powers who believe in exporting peace through boots, it remains a matter of absolute concern that execution of R2P may continue to bring more harms than goods.

Meanwhile in the absence of general and unbiased functioning structures, there is persistent tendency towards applying double standards and selective approaches, which grants impunity to favorable ones and overlooks atrocities committed by them no matter how serious and horrific they are. It is not history, it is true even for today's events.

We therefore concur with the SG's note that "ending impunity is neither optional nor negotiable", though it seems a mission closely impossible bearing in mind current international order. The sad experiences of the past decade, in the Middle East and North Africa, which have highly contributed to the regeneration and expansion of terrorism and extremism in affected countries and the world as a whole exposes the consequences of irresponsible protection. We also believe that (inaudible) policies under the protection of civilians are in part responsible for the heinous and barbaric acts committed by extremists and terrorists against the people of the suffering countries. Their irresponsible military intervention has created a breathing ground for these menaces to thrive.

Throughout the report under consideration, emphasis has been put on effective, timely and decisive prevention. Notwithstanding its importance, little if no attention is being rendered to responsible protection. Most of the existing mistrust and doubts about R2P can be traced back in its abuse during the last ten years by certain powers with grave unprecedented consequences. For all these reasons, Iran is thus cautious to put R2P on the formal agenda of the General Assembly.