



Security Council

Sponsor: The Republic of India

Topic: “Working together to apply the responsibility to protect”

The Security Council,

Recognizing the Security Council's mission to preserve peace and the Charter of the United Nations which affirms that States are legally bound,

Considering that the United Nations has an important role to play for the protection of minorities,

Reaffirming the United Nations Declaration on Minorities, adopted in resolution 47/135 of 18 December 1992, which refers in its article 1 to minorities based on national or ethnic, cultural, religious and linguistic identity

Supporting furthermore the report on the Responsibility to Protect, issued in December 2001, by the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty, which confirms "the growing global recognition that the concept of security must include people in addition to States",

Desiring to strengthen the participation of States in the promotion and protection of the rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities

Noting that States must effectively protect their citizens and minorities and that they can resort to the specialized institutions of the UN to do so,

Keeping in mind that the history of many ethnic States is particularly concerned with their minorities,

Bring to your consideration the present draft resolution concerning the need to work together to apply the responsibility to protect,

1. *Reminds* that States have the role to protect and promote the existence and the identity of national or ethnic, cultural, religious or linguistic minorities on their respective territories;
2. *Declares* that States are fully responsible for the creation, development and implementation of legislative and other measures to achieve these aims, knowing that they possess the greatest ability to manage potential conflicts and claims of minorities within their territories;
3. *Reaffirms* that each State exercises sovereignty over its territory, and that it may, depending on the context, choose to grant decision-making powers to its different territories;
4. *Requests*, therefore, the creation of a fund by the UN for potential humanitarian missions decided upon at the request of States;
5. *Declares* that the UN can carry out various assessment and monitoring missions concerning the living conditions of minorities,
6. *Considers* that the role of the UN and its specialized institutions is to foster the promotion and protection of minorities by States themselves, and that it supports their proposals at the economic level;
7. *Affirms* that States themselves would be responsible for the redistribution of these funds on behalf of their minorities thanks to the knowledge of their institutions and their functioning;
8. *Deplores* any intervention by one State in another concerning its minorities because of the impartiality of any intervention considering the mix of political and humanitarian objectives;
9. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.