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Promoting the principles of Responsibility to Protect

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The unanimous endorsement of the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) was hailed as one of the most important achievements of the 2005 High-level Plenary Meeting of the UN General Assembly, the World Summit. However, while the use of force, even for humanitarian reasons, against a sovereign state will remain controversial and contested, it is essential for the UN members to continue the discussion and promotion of the principles of R2P. It is only through persistent outreach and inclusive debate that we can move forward and make these principles acceptable to the international community not only in word, but also in action.

The aims of United Nations Associations and concerned stakeholders in the Nordic countries are, on one hand, to enhance the understanding and strengthen political will regarding the principles of R2P, and on the other hand, to create possibilities of taking the initiative further during the 64th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Welcome

Gunvor Kronman, Executive Director, Hanasaari – the Swedish-Finnish Cultural Centre

Jutta Urpilainen, Chairperson, the United Nations Association of Finland

Opening remarks

Tarja Halonen, the President of the Republic of Finland

Keynote speakers

Alexander Stubb, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland

Roméo Dallaire, Senator

Panelists

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Jan Egeland, Director of the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs

Hans Corell, former Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Legal Counsel of the UN

Moderator *Pekka Haavisto*, Member of Parliament and Finnish Special Envoy for African crises

Language: The language of the seminar is English.

Organizers: Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Embassy of Canada in Helsinki, Hanasaari – the Swedish-Finnish Cultural Centre, the United Nations Associations of Finland and Sweden and the Finnish Red Cross.