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**The responsibility to protect and the prevention of genocide,
war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity**

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**75/277. The responsibility to protect and the prevention of genocide, war
crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity**

The General Assembly,

*Reaffirming its respect for the principles and purposes of the Charter of the
United Nations,*

*Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,¹ especially paragraphs 138 and 139
thereof,*

*Recalling also its resolution [63/308](#) of 14 September 2009 on the responsibility
to protect,*

*Taking note of the annual reports of the Secretary-General on the responsibility
to protect and the relevant recommendations contained therein, including steps that
can be taken by Member States, intergovernmental bodies and the United Nations
system to strengthen the prevention of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and
crimes against humanity,*

1. *Decides to include in its annual agenda the item entitled “The
responsibility to protect and the prevention of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing
and crimes against humanity”;*

2. *Requests the Secretary-General to report annually to the General Assembly
on the responsibility to protect and the prevention of genocide, war crimes, ethnic
cleansing and crimes against humanity.*

*66th plenary meeting
18 May 2021*

¹ Resolution [60/1](#).

