

## **Progressive Governance Summit**

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[Heads of State and Government from 14 countries]

Excerpt from official communiqué:

### **. . . Promoting Security**

There can be no prosperity without security. We recognise that the new threats to security from state, non-state actors and illegal networks require effective action, in accordance with the UN's founding principles. Governments and international organisations now need to step up their efforts to address the new threats, addressing both symptoms and causes such as inequality, poverty, lack of opportunity and lack of human rights. Specifically we need to:

. . . . Improve the response of the international community to serious humanitarian crises, in accordance with the objectives and principles of the UN Charter. As progressive governments we reiterate the crucial importance of international co-operation in responding to humanitarian crises, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. We recognise that these issues require the international community to develop appropriate and effective responses through democratic mechanisms. The report of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty (ICISS) on the "Responsibility to Protect", launched by the Canadian Government in 2000, is a valuable contribution to the ongoing and necessary debate within the United Nations on how to better deal with these new and emerging challenges. We therefore encourage the UN General Assembly to give these matters urgent consideration. We are clear that the UN Security Council remains the sole body to authorise global action in dealing with humanitarian crises of this kind. We support reform of the Security Council to make it more representative of the modern world. We call on all States to recognise the authority of the International Criminal Court to make this an effective instrument against the gravest violations of human rights.

The full text of the communiqué is at:

<http://www.number-10.gov.uk/output/Page4146.asp>