Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

I have asked for the floor to explain the position of my government of the draft resolution of Missiles contained in the document A/C.1/57/L.32

Mr. Chairman,

The proliferation of missiles as delivery vehicles of weapons of mass destruction is a matter of concern of Japan, which we believe is posing a threat to the peace and stability both in global and regional contexts. For this reason, it has been making efforts on its part to ensure non-proliferation of, and reduce the threat posed by, these missiles. We also contributed to the discussion in the UN Panel of Governmental Experts on Missiles established by the Secretary General of the U.N.

Japan however has not supported but abstained the draft resolution L.32 because it has no explicit reference to the concern about the proliferation of missiles as delivery vehicles of weapons of mass destruction or to the recognition of the efforts being made, in which my country participates.

Regardless of this voting, we remain committed to the goal of non-proliferation of such missiles as well as to promoting international and regional peace and stability through various means.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.