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Explanation of Vote by Indian Delegation

L.1

Resolution “Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements”

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation has requested the floor to explain its vote on resolution, contained in document L.1/Rev.1, entitled “Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements”.

Mr. Chairman,

India has voted in favour of the resolution since it believes in the responsibility of States to fully comply with their obligations, as undertaken in various disarmament, non-proliferation and arms limitation agreements, to which they are parties.

We would, however, like to place on record our understanding that States, in encouraging compliance by other States with the disarmament, non-proliferation and arms limitation agreements to which they are parties, shall act in accordance with the compliance mechanisms provided in the relevant agreements and in a manner consistent with the UN Charter and international law. Similarly, they shall also resolve any issues relating to compliance by a State of its obligations in respect of the disarmament, non-proliferation and arms limitation agreements to which it is a party, in accordance with the compliance mechanisms provided in the relevant agreements and in a manner consistent with the UN Charter and international law.

Furthermore, it is our understanding that ‘other agreed obligations’ imply only those obligations that have been undertaken by States with their sovereign consent.