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Explanation of Vote by Indian Delegation

L.28

Resolution “Renewed determination towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons”

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation has requested the floor to explain its vote on the resolution, contained in document L.28, entitled “Renewed determination towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons”.

Mr. Chairman,

India fully supports the basic intent of the resolution- the total elimination of nuclear weapons. We agree that the ultimate objective of States is general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control, as contained in the Final Document of the First Special Session on Disarmament (SSOD-I). We also appreciate Japan’s commitment to this goal.

However, we find that the resolution incorporates elements not acceptable to us. We cannot, for instance, accept a call to join the NPT as a non-nuclear-weapon state.

Thus, while we agree with the basic objective of the resolution, that is the global elimination of nuclear weapons, we were constrained to vote against the resolution.