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Explanation of Vote by Indian Delegation

L.2

Resolution “Twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research”

Mr. Chairman,

The Indian delegation has requested the floor to speak briefly in support of the resolution contained in document L.2 on the “Twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research.”

UNIDIR is the brains-trust of the UN disarmament machinery. It helps focus expertise on critical international security issues of both abiding and contemporary interest. Its workshops and symposia help catalyse useful and relevant ideas on issues on the global disarmament agenda. Besides, we find UNIDIR’s publications to be most useful and instructive. The draft resolution refers to the audit report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, which testifies to the high quality and utility of UNIDIR’s research output in terms of topic and analysis, compared to that from peer research institutions, based on independent verification from random respondents. We are also happy that, in accordance with its statute as an autonomous institution, UNIDIR continues to carry out independent research.

The adoption of the proposed resolution by the First Committee and the General Assembly will be a reaffirmation of the value of this institution to the global disarmament community.