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Explanation of Vote by Indian Delegation

L.38

Resolution “Follow-up to nuclear disarmament obligations agreed in the 1995 and 2000 Review Conferences of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear-Weapons”

Mr. Chairman,

India has abstained on the resolution, contained in document L.38/Rev.2, entitled “Follow-up to nuclear disarmament obligations agreed in the 1995 and 2000 Review Conferences of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear-Weapons”. Our delegation has also voted against amendment to preambular paragraph 6 because we cannot accept the call for universal adherence to NPT and placement of facilities under full-scope IAEA safeguards.

India supports the stated goal of the resolution, namely to provide impetus to efforts to achieve the goal of total elimination of nuclear weapons and is committed to global, non-discriminatory nuclear disarmament. The resolution is, however, embedded in the NPT framework and pertains to States parties to the NPT, to which we are not a party.