Explanation of Vote by Indian Delegation

L.40

Resolution “Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus”

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation has requested the floor to explain its vote on the resolution, contained in document L.40/Rev.1, entitled “Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus”, on which India joined the consensus.

We would, nevertheless, like to place on record our understanding that the resolution appeals to only the ‘interested States’ to take stock of their stockpiles of ammunition ‘on a voluntary basis’. Thus, while States, wishing to do so, on a voluntary basis, may share information on the outcome of such assessment with others, the resolution does not create any obligation on States to make available to other States any information on the outcome of their internal assessment of stockpiles of ammunition, including their security, management and destruction.