Explanation of Vote (EOV) on Draft Resolution (A/C/60/L.45)

My delegation wishes to explain its position on Draft Resolution A/C/60/L.45, entitled “Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons”

As my delegation has pointed out in several occasion, it is our firm belief that non-nuclear-weapon States Parties to the NPT, who have voluntarily committed to the path to non-possession of nuclear weapons and who have remained in full compliance with the NPT provisions, are entitled to be provided with credible and effective negative security assurances (NSA) from the nuclear-weapon states. However, out of logical consequences in contrast to the argument just said, we do not believe that such negative security assurances are of the nature to be provided to all States Parties to the NPT regardless of their behavior in fulfilling their obligations under the regime.

Moreover on a practical aspect, we are of the view that more creative and innovative confidence building measures in the field of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation should precede the genuine discussion for providing the legally binding negative security assurances, particularly taking into account the stalemate in nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation that is plaguing around us these days.

This is why my delegation has abstained from the voting this time again.