Explanation of vote by Japan on L.4, "Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments"

Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

I would like to make a few remarks on the draft resolution contained in the document A/C.1/60/L.4 entitled "Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments," which Japan supported in the voting.

But before doing so, I must recall the regrettable outcome of the 2005 NPT Review Conference, as well as the 2005 World Summit Outcome which found no agreement on the substantive issues related to disarmament and non-proliferation. We must try our best so that such a lack of consensus should not erode the existing disarmament and non-proliferation regimes, and for that purpose it is essential that all Member States solidify their efforts to promote disarmament and non-proliferation. Last year Japan took a decision to support the NAC resolution and continued to do so this year, even though Japan does not necessarily agree to all of the points contained in the resolution.

In this regard, Japan is very pleased and highly appreciates that all NAC member countries voted in favor of Japan's nuclear disarmament resolution. Japan hopes that such mutual efforts and cooperation will help to create a strong momentum to further strengthen disarmament and non-proliferation.