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Explanation of Vote by Indian Delegation

L.56

Resolution “Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction”

My delegation has requested the floor to explain its vote on the resolution, contained in document L.56, entitled “Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction”

India supports the UN vision of ‘a world free of the threat of landmines and unexploded ordnance where individuals and communities live in a safe environment conducive to development, and where mine survivors are fully integrated into their societies’. India’s participation at the Nairobi Review Conference was reflective of India’s commitment to this vision. It is to realize this vision that India has ratified the Amended Protocol II of the CCW Convention and has adopted and implemented all measures necessary to adhere to the provisions contained therein. India has discontinued, since 1997, the production of non-detectable anti-personnel mines and has observed a moratorium on their transfer.

Furthermore, India remains committed to increased international cooperation and assistance for a mine-safe world and to provide mine-related assistance under the UN umbrella. India is willing to contribute technical assistance and expertise to mine clearance and rehabilitation programmes in international de-mining efforts. India strongly supports technical cooperation in mine clearance technology, equipment and training. India has set up a number of camps for fitting limbs to the victims of landmines in Afghanistan.

India believes that a phased approach, which addresses the legitimate defense requirements of States, especially those with long borders, would be more useful.
We also believe that the goal of complete elimination of anti-personnel mines will be facilitated by the availability of appropriate, militarily effective and non-lethal alternative technologies that can perform, cost-effectively, the legitimate defensive role of anti-personnel landmines.