Madam Chair

My delegation requested the floor to make an explanation of vote on the draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.29 entitled "Report of the Conference on Disarmament".

The draft resolution, which has been adopted by consensus for many years, includes this year a new reference to the question of expansion of the CD membership. As stated in the CD 2006 Report, to which this draft resolution pertains, the views of the Member States on this issue are reflected in the CD verbatim records.

In this respect, Turkey maintains the view that the question of expansion of the CD membership is not a priority at this stage and it should be addressed on a case-by-case basis, with due consideration to the contributions of candidates to international peace and security. For this reason, the last preambular paragraph of the draft resolution should not be construed as a change in Turkey's well-known position on this question.

Thank you Madame Chair,