General Statement by Indonesia
on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement

on Cluster 7: Disarmament Machinery
(with regard to Draft Resolution L.24/Rev.1 presented by African Group)

Mr. Chairman

1. NAM would like to stress the important role that the Regional Centres can play in promoting confidence building and disarmament measures at the regional level, thus promoting progress in attaining the goals of sustainable development.

2. In view of the many challenges faced by Africa in the security and development fields, the group of Non-Aligned States would like to express its support for the efforts by African states to ensure the necessary operation and functioning of the UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa.

3. NAM also notes that the Secretary General has stated that the African Regional Centre’s ability to fulfill its mandate in assisting African States in the field of peace, disarmament and security remains hampered by the lack of funding, in particular core funding.

4. Therefore, NAM expresses its strong support for the draft resolution A/C.1.62/L.24/Rev.1 presented by the African Group, which aim to ensure a predictable operation and functioning of the Regional Centre in support of Africa.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.