Mr. Chair,

The delegation of Canada has the pleasure to introduce the draft resolution L.1 Rev. 1 entitled: “Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices”.

This year marks the first time since 2004 that a resolution on this topic has been brought to action in First Committee. In doing so this year, Canada’s aim was to build upon the momentum generated in recent months for work to begin in the Conference on Disarmament on such a treaty.

Over the course of three rounds of open-ended consultations, and various other bilateral meetings here at First Committee, Canada’s delegation consulted widely, openly and in the spirit of compromise. Canada was pleased that other delegations responded in the same way, as it appears that the international community will speak again today with one voice in support of the commencement of negotiations on this vital international security instrument which, as the draft resolution notes, would make a significant contribution to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

The Canadian delegation thanks all other delegations for their support, and for the views and positions that were put forward during the development of this draft resolution. While the document L.1 Rev.1 bears Canada’s name, it most certainly reflects the work of a great many delegations in this room today and in capitals.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.