Swiss Delegation

**Explanation of Vote on L.27 – « Reducing Nuclear Danger »**

Switzerland fully supports the broader goal of the resolution just adopted to advance nuclear disarmament, to reduce nuclear danger and to finally eliminate nuclear weapons.

Switzerland is in fact a strong advocate of reviewing security policy doctrines, diminishing the role of nuclear weapons in security policies and decreasing operational readiness.

However, Switzerland is of the view that the current scope of the resolution does not fully reflect the realities in the nuclear field.

A major difficulty for our delegation is that the resolution only requests the five nuclear weapon States recognized by the NPT to take action. In our view, the lowering of nuclear danger will only materialize if all countries possessing nuclear weapons review their doctrines and take steps to reduce the risks which are inherently linked with nuclear arsenals.

In addition, this resolution falls short of references to key international treaties like the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). In our opinion, these instruments are central to achieving the very goals of this resolution.

Finally, we welcome the beginning of a interactive dialogue between the lead sponsor and the other member states. We are ready to continue this frank debate with a view to advance the goal of reducing nuclear danger.