Explanation of Vote of the Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran
On the draft resolution A/C.1/65/L.32
Entitled: The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to explain the position of my delegation on draft resolution A/C.1/65/L.32, entitled: the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects.

We did not participate in voting process on this draft resolution because it deals selectively with issues contained in the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons.

Likewise, operative paragraph (4) of the current draft on the report of the Fourth biennial meeting of States to consider the implementation of the Programme of Action, dose not reflect the fact that the aforesaid report has been prepared by the chair of the BMS4 with the assistance of his friends and submitted for adoption, without being negotiated. This fact which is already reflected in the same report, has been neglected in the current draft.

Such a practice unfortunately has been exercised by the chair of the BMS3 and continued by the Chair of the BMS4 which, in both cases, lead to destruction of consensus and the adoption of concerned resolution by voting.

Moreover, the BMS4 report and the draft resolution also covers some specific areas that are exclusively within the competence of the Review Conference of the Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons which will be held in 2012.
I thank you, Mr. Chairman.