In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. Chairman,

I have taken the floor to explain the position of my delegation on draft Resolutions A/C.1/65/L.34.Rev.1 entitled “follow-up to the high-level meeting held on 24 September 2010: revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations”.

In our view, the major problem facing Multilateral Disarmament Negotiations is the lack of genuine political will on the part of certain western countries. For instance, the inability of the CD to undertake substantive work on its agenda is not due to its structure or working methods; but it mostly stems from the unwillingness of the Nuclear-Weapon States to agree on a balanced and comprehensive program of work and their refusal to deal with all core issues on an equal footing.

The CD is and should remain the single multilateral negotiating body on disarmament and its role in the field of nuclear disarmament should be strengthened. The CD has been established and mandated by the SSOD-I, therefore in our view, the only eligible forum to change its mandate or rules of procedure is the SSOD-IV.

In view of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in taking forward Multilateral Disarmament Negotiations, the international community should avoid exclusive and discriminatory approaches and try to take into consideration the security interest of all states.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.