Mr Chairman

I take the floor to explain Australia’s vote on draft resolution L.35, “Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament”.

Australia supported resolution 62/29 in 2007 and has supported draft resolution L.35 this year.

In supporting draft resolution L.35, Australia hopes that in addition to any effort made to convene an SSOD IV, there will be immediate and sustained effort given to such tasks as:

- implementing the consensus conclusions and recommendations of the 2010 NPT Review Conference;
- commencing negotiations on an FMCT and commencing other substantive work in the CD in 2011;
- bringing to an early conclusion UN-mandated negotiations on a comprehensive and effective treaty to establish an interim framework for the legitimate arms trade and to eradicate illicit trafficking in conventional arms; and
- reaching agreement on practical and practicable outcomes at the 2011 BWC Review Conference.

Thankyou.