Explanation of Vote of the Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran

On the draft resolution A/C.1/65/L.36

Entitled: Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures

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.36, entitled: Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures.

In some of its operative paragraphs, this draft resolution provides unnecessarily, the ground for activities parallel to the established follow-up and implementation mechanism of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons.

It also by requesting the Secretary-General for providing resources for maintaining the Programme of Action Implementation Support System, a Unit which has been established outside the Organization and was funded voluntarily by some States, imposes additional financial burden to the United Nation. While decision to create any possible mechanism or extending any financial or other kind of resources or assistance in regard to the follow-up and implementation of the Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons should be taken by the relevant Review Conference which will be held in 2012.

In our view, these measures, not only are not helpful in the implementation of the Programme of Action, but also will lead to already complicated bureaucracy within the Organization.

On these grounds, my delegation voted in abstention on operative paragraph (6) of this resolution.