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Explanation of vote

United States

L. 47: Thirtieth Anniversary of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

“Thank you Mr. Chairman,

The United States will support draft resolution L. 47/Rev. 1 entitled "Thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research.” This underlines our strong support for the work of the Institute, with which we have worked closely on several important projects over the years, including recent support for its annual space security conference. The United States values UNIDIR’s impartial, action-oriented research and welcomes continued projects on other key issues such as multilateral approaches to the nuclear fuel cycle, the disarmament machinery, and understanding the FMCT. We would like to assure UNIDIR and its excellent director of our continued and steadfast support. We would like to note that consistent with the relevant provisions of the Institute’s statute, the United States expects that regular budget funding will be limited such that voluntary funding remains the principal source of funding for the Institute, and we encourage member states to provide such support to UNIDIR.”