Mr. Chairperson,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the seven members of the New Agenda Coalition: Brazil, Egypt, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden and my own country, Ireland.

I take the floor to introduce draft resolution A/C.1/65/L.25, entitled "Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments". The text of this draft resolution has been circulated to all missions. A limited number of additional copies are available from the delegation of Ireland.

The members of the New Agenda Coalition are firmly committed to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) in all its aspects. This is clear from the text of our resolution, which welcomes its entirety the adoption by the NPT Review Conference in May of a substantive final document. It also reaffirms that nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation are mutually reinforcing processes, and calls on all States to comply fully with all commitments made regarding nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation.

However, as the Committee is well aware, the specific focus and raison d'être of the NAC is nuclear disarmament. We make no apology for this. We believe that the implementation of disarmament commitments has been neglected over many years. As we said in our statement in the general debate, it was dissatisfaction at the lack of progress on nuclear disarmament in the aftermath of the NPT 1995 Review and Extension Conference that led to the establishment of the New Agenda Coalition in Dublin in 1998 and continues to inform our work today. The lack of satisfactory implementation of the practical steps of 2000, and the calling of some of those steps into question, was a major disappointment to us, as was the failure of the 2005 Review Conference.

We therefore welcome the adoption by this year's RevCon of a substantive outcome with conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions on all three pillars of the Treaty and on the Middle East.

We believe that the true test of the value of the RevCon outcome will be the implementation of the commitments undertaken. The resolution underlines the importance of early progress and encourages the taking of various steps in this regard.

We believe that early engagement and substantive progress in implementation of the steps agreed at the RevCon would be an important signal of the seriousness with which nuclear-weapon States view their undertakings and of their commitment to implement the action plan on nuclear disarmament. Providing information on activities undertaken is an important means of increasing confidence, and we encourage all nuclear-weapon States to do this.

The draft resolution also reiterates our long-held views on issues such as the importance of the NPT and its universalisation, as well as the fulfilment of past commitments.

We encourage all Member States to support the draft resolution. We hope that, in line with the broader trends in international affairs in the area of nuclear disarmament, the growth which has been seen in recent years in support for our resolution will be continued this year.

I thank you, Mr. Chairperson.