Mr. Chairman,

The continuous challenge to multilateralism in the field of disarmament and international security is a source of concern. Indeed, addressing this challenge requires the genuine political will and cooperation of all States.

In this context, we stress on the need to further promote multilateralism which is the core principle in the area of disarmament on the basis of universal, balanced, non-discriminatory and transparent negotiations.

As the Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran stated during the High Level Meeting on 24 September 2010, in our view, the existing institutions for the deliberation and negotiation on disarmament issues are efficient and adequate, if there is sufficient political will.

Unfortunately, there are certain countries who want to take advantage of these bodies merely for the advancement of their own individual interests.

These States are even reluctant to consider disarmament issues in a comprehensive and balanced manner and take into account the security interests of all States.

Mr. Chairman,
We believe, 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 and some other States to agree on a balanced and comprehensive program of work and their refusal to deal with all core issues on an equal footing.

In our negotiations within the disarmament machinery, we shall always stress on the rule of law rather than the rule of power, and on the force of logic rather than the logic of force.

The CD, as mandated by the SSOD-I, is and should remain the single multilateral negotiating body on disarmament. Moreover, its role in the field of nuclear disarmament should be strengthened.

Since the CD has been established and mandated by the SSOD-I, in view of the Islamic of Republic of Iran, the only eligible forum to modify, if necessary, its mandate or rules of procedure is the SSOD-IV.

Accordingly we stress the importance of convening the Fourth Special Session of the UN General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament. Indeed, such a meeting is an appropriate forum to discuss and direct the ongoing trends regarding substantive and institutional issues related to disarmament.

In conclusion Mr. Chairman, we stress that in dealing with disarmament machinery, exclusive and discriminatory approaches should be avoided and the security interest of all states be taken into consideration.

_I thank you, Mr. chairman._