Statement

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Mr. Chairman,

It is my pleasure to take the floor to introduce the draft resolution on “Nuclear disarmament” contained in document A/C.1/65/L.22 on behalf of the following sponsors and co-sponsors;


Mr. Chairman,

We are well aware that nuclear weapons pose greatest threat and danger to humankind. The potential risk of using the nuclear weapons lie with the huge stockpile at hands, chances of accidental triggering and falling into the hands of terrorists or non-state actors.

In order to reverse the situation, we need to act step by step measures leading to the total elimination of nuclear weapons and absolute guarantee against the use or threat of use of these weapons.

The unanimous decision by the International Court of Justice expressed that there exists an obligation for all States to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control.

Against this background, we will table our traditional resolution on “Nuclear disarmament” again this year.

The draft resolution this year recognizes the important work achieved at the 2010 NPT Review Conference. It is essential for all of us to turn the commitments made at the Conference, particularly by the Nuclear-Weapon States, into concrete actions.

Therefore, the draft resolution reiterated its calls for the full and effective implementation of the thirteen practical steps for nuclear disarmament adopted at
the 2000 NPT Review Conference and subsequently calls for the full implementation of the 22-point Action Plan on Nuclear disarmament contained in the Final Document of the 2010 NPT Review Conference.

The draft resolution also calls upon the Conference on Disarmament to establish an ad hoc committee on nuclear disarmament early in 2011 and to commence negotiations on a phased programme of nuclear disarmament leading to the total elimination of nuclear weapons within a specified framework of time.

Mr. Chairman,

The draft resolution also focuses on a range of practical ways and means to achieve the eventual elimination of nuclear weapons to take unilateral, bilateral or multilateral action.

It also outlines the interim steps among the nuclear weapon states to de-alert and deactivate the nuclear weapons as preventive and confidence-building measure. We believe that these measures are important, necessary and prerequisite for paving the way to confidence-building and eventual elimination of nuclear weapons.

Pending the total elimination of nuclear weapons, the draft resolution again calls on nuclear-weapon States to assure non-nuclear-weapon States of non-use and non-threat of use of nuclear weapons in a legally binding instrument. The legitimate right of non-nuclear weapon states that have given up their nuclear option is to be reciprocated by nuclear-weapon states with the legally binding instrument on security assurances of non-use and non-threat of use of nuclear weapons against them.

Mr. Chairman,

This year’s draft resolution calls for actions to be taken by various players in order to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons. These steps warrant immediate action by nuclear-weapon states. We would like to invite all States to join our efforts to a nuclear-weapon free world by supporting the draft resolution.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.