India attaches the highest priority to nuclear disarmament. India shares the main objective of this resolution which is the complete elimination of nuclear weapons with a specified framework of time.

We have been constrained to abstain on the resolution because of certain references to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on which India’s position is well known.

However, our vote should not be seen as opposition to other provisions of the resolution, which we believe are consistent with NAM as well as India’s national positions on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. These provisions include the reference to SSOD I Final document, NAM summit statements, ICJ advisory opinion, objective of the elimination of nuclear weapons with a specified framework of time, the role and work of the CD, including the establishment of an ad hoc committee on nuclear disarmament in the CD as the highest priority, the negotiation of an FMCT in the CD on the basis of the Shannon mandate as well as the call for convening an international conference on nuclear disarmament in all its aspects at an early date to identify and deal with concrete measures of nuclear disarmament. We compliment Myanmar for retaining vital principled positions in this resolution which are supported by a vast majority of countries.

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