Statement by Mr. Eugen MIHUT, Deputy Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations, on the draft resolution concerning “Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditure”

Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished delegates,

Romania is honored to work together with Germany as co-author of the draft resolution “Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditure”. Let me add a few thoughts to the eloquent presentation made yesterday by the distinguished Ambassador Hellmut Hoffman.

The upcoming December, we will mark the 31st year since the adoption of the GA Resolution 35/1428 on “Reduction of military budgets”. By that important decision, the UN Standardized Instrument for Reporting Military Expenditures (MilEx) was set up, an instrument as ever relevant in the current international circumstances. Therefore, in an accelerated changing world, the MilEx should not lag behind, needing to be adjusted accordingly.

In this vein, my country welcomes the hard work carried out by the group of governmental experts set up by the Resolution 62/13. My delegation is pleased with the significant results of the GGE activity reflected in a substantial report agreed by its members by consensus. Let me thank Ambassador Claus Wunderlich for the presentation of the report and his stewardship as Chair of the GGE.

The draft resolution tabled this year by Germany and Romania is inspired by the recommendations of the GGE report and it is aiming at generating the Member States’ support to improve the reporting system.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I take the opportunity to express my delegation’s gratitude to the co-sponsoring countries and to invite others to join the list of cosponsors. My thanks go also to the German colleagues for their cooperation and leadership in this matter.

Romania hopes that the resolution will be adopted without a vote, as in the previous years.

Thank you.