L.34 - "Taking Forward Multilateral Disarmament Negotiations"

The Brazilian delegation voted in favor of draft resolution A/C.1/68/L.34, entitled "Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations". We welcome the discussions undertaken within the framework of the Open-ended Working Group established by UNGA Resolution 67/56, which were held in an open, constructive, transparent and interactive manner. We appreciated in particular the valuable contribution made by civil society.

Notwithstanding, it must be stressed that our support to the work of Open-ended Working Group is based on the understanding that it is a useful step towards a comprehensive and effective negotiating process in the Conference on Disarmament. As such, we see the working group as a path converging to the CD, which is the single multilateral body for negotiations on disarmament.

In this regard, we appreciate the fact that the draft resolution reaffirms the absolute validity of multilateral diplomacy in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation and the role of the CD as set out in the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament (SSOD-I).