I would like to explain the position of my delegation before the vote regarding the draft resolution L.2 entitled “The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East.

This resolution underlines the serious threat posed by nuclear weapons program of the Israeli regime to the security of the non-nuclear weapons States parties to the NPT in the Middle East.

The aggressive and expansionist policies of Israel, its massive arsenal of nuclear and other sophisticated offensive weapons, as well as its non-adherence to international law, norms and principles is the most serious source of threat to the peace and security in the Middle East and the only obstacle for the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in this region. Indeed, peace and stability cannot be achieved in the Middle East as long as such an irresponsible regime continues its unlawful nuclear weapons program, and defies the repeated calls by the international community to comply with international norms and principles.

We recall that, through the consensually adopted Final Document of the 2010 NPT Review Conference, 189 NPT States parties, including all main allies of the Israel, unanimously called upon Israel by name, to accede to the NPT without any condition and to put all its clandestine nuclear activities under the international safeguards. We hope that all NPT States parties remember those words and their commitments when they vote on draft resolution L.2. Iran will vote in favor of this resolution.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.