My delegation abstained in the voting on the draft resolution entitled "Arms Trade Treaty" (L. 54), because Arms Trade Treaty in our view suffers from significant legal deficiencies and loopholes. In ATT, political and commercial interests of certain arms exporting countries have prevailed over the observance of the fundamentals of international law. ATT has failed to uphold the principle of the prohibition of the crime of aggression as the most fundamental principle of international law. It makes no sense that a legally binding instrument like Arms Trade Treaty has not prohibited arms transfer to countries that are engaged in committing acts of aggression, including foreign occupation. As a victim of the act of aggression in the recent history and coming from a region in which the Israeli regime commits aggression time and again against countries of the Middle East, such a legal gap in the Treaty is unacceptable to my country.

For the same reason, my delegation would like to put on record that it disassociates itself from consensus on the PP 15 of the draft resolution L. 6 entitled "Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them" and PP 3 of the draft resolution L. 16 entitled "problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus". The fact that we exercised flexibility and joined consensus on those resolutions as a whole should not be interpreted as agreeing to those specific paragraphs.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.