Pakistan attaches great importance to the topic “Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control” which is the title of the draft resolution L.37. We appreciate the sponsor of this resolution, Trinidad and Tobago for its efforts in presenting the draft resolution.

We support the assertion in the preambular paragraph 7 which reaffirms that the equal, full and effective participation of both women and men is essential for attainment of sustainable peace and security, as well as the one in preambular paragraph 9 of the resolution that the role of women in disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control should be further developed including through facilitating their participation and representation in policymaking, planning and implementation processes related to disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control.

I would also like to inform the committee that Pakistan during its presidency of the Conference on Disarmament had a proud privilege to hold a special session on women and disarmament. For Pakistan, this is an extremely important issue. A number of Pakistani women ambassadors are posted in positions where they address issues of security and disarmament and hence we consider it important that this matter should continue to be discussed at the UN.

This resolution would contribute to enhancing the focus on this issue.

Thank you Mr. Chair.