

**PROJECT A/C.1.58/L.18**

**BRAZIL – Explanation of Vote**

Mr. President,

Brazil will vote in favor on resolution "Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) in the regional and subregional context", document A/C.1/58/L.18).

We strongly support the thrust of the resolution, because we consider that Confidence-building measures are a powerful instrument to generate trust among countries in all regions. Their implementation has a positive impact in the consolidation of a more cooperative environment, essential to the full development of national and regional potential. CBMs should not be imposed nor monitored in any way by any other actor but the countries that voluntarily engage in the exercise.

This is confirmed by Brazilian bilateral, regional and multilateral experiences in this field. In our hemisphere, Brazil is the country that consistently has registered the largest number of CBMs in the appropriate mechanism within the Organization of American States.

Mr. President,

My delegation supports the project in spite the fact that we are not comfortable with some of the language included in the text, although we recognize the effort made by the Pakistani delegation to accommodate some of the concerns raised by several delegations, including ours. We still consider that the text might have been refined in order to attain the consensus the initiative deserved.

We hope we can work further with the Pakistani delegation to reach consensus, in this important initiative. To our strong disappointment, consensus inexplicably eluded us at the very last minute of the three-year exercise we embarked at the UNDC to deal with Confidence Building Measures.