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Dear colleagues,

Now we will take action on the draft resolution A/C.1/60/L.10 "Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament" introduced by the Republic of Belarus with a number of cosponsors (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Georgia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Venezuela and Ukraine).

I am not going to repeat the arguments in favour of the adoption of this resolution that were already expressed in the statement of Ambassador Andrei Dapkiunas, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations at the First Committee meeting on October 12. I just want to remind the delegations that the resolution in its present form was adopted on trilateral basis by consensus by the General Assembly sessions in 1996, 1999 and 2002.

Dear colleagues,

Accelerating speed of appearing of new achievements in computer and nanotechnologies make it technically visible to develop and even test the new weapons without factually testing them. The very fact that today the computer wizards work at Microsoft and other respectable corporations does not preclude that one day one or two of them might be recruited by a terrorist organisation. The world community must have a ready mechanism to react to appearance of the new types of WMD no matter whatever or wherever they are developed. The draft resolution A/C.1/60/10 contains such mechanism and I am convinced that our Committee will adopt this document without a vote.