

BRAZIL

EXPLANATION OF VOTE - (BEFORE THE VOTE) - Resolution L.23 - Rev. 1

Mr. Chairman,

I wish to take this opportunity to explain the vote of Brazil on Draft Resolution L.23, entitled "Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons".

Brazil will also vote in favour of the resolution, basically because we support, as stated in PP3, that a multilateral, universal and binding agreement prohibiting the use, or threat of use, of nuclear weapons would contribute to the elimination of the nuclear threat. We also deem positive the reference in PP7 that such an international agreement may lead to the ultimate destruction of nuclear weapons.

Negative security assurances, however, cannot be a substitute for multilaterally agreed disarmament measures, which should be irreversible, transparent and verifiable.

Thank you