

## EXPLANATION OF VOTE

### **Draft Resolution L. 30: Renewed Determination towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons**

Mister Chairman,

The United States considers that L.30, "Renewed Determination towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons," is of all the resolutions introduced on nuclear disarmament the most balanced and realistic. In particular, we note its support for compliance with the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, its recognition of the Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions, its call for the immediate commencement of negotiations on an FMCT, and its positive mention of IAEA comprehensive safeguards agreements and the Additional Protocol. This year, we support the resolution's stress on the importance of Security Council resolution 1718, and join in welcoming progress in the Six-Party Talks.

At the same time the United States will continue to vote against this resolution because of its support for the CTBT in Operative Paragraph 9. As delegates are aware, the United States opposes that treaty.