

## **EOV: Report of the UNDC**

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation is taking the floor to provide an explanation of our vote. While Canada has joined the consensus on this resolution, I wish to note my government's continuing disappointment with the state of the UN's multilateral disarmament machinery, including the UNDC.

Mr. Chairman, let us not forget the role and purpose of the UNDC. It is a deliberative body, mandated to consider various problems in the disarmament and non-proliferation field, and make recommendations thereupon to the General Assembly. We recall that it has done good work in the past: the 16 verification principles, guidelines for the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones and work on practical disarmament measures in post-conflict situations, to name but a few.

The time for deliberative work on contemporary issues in fields of nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament as well as conventional weapons is long overdue. Canada calls upon all Member States to work together in a spirit of flexibility and compromise to arrive at concrete recommendations at next year's final session of the current UNDC cycle.