

Explanation of Vote

**On resolution “Towards a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World:
Accelerating the implementation of disarmament commitments”
Contained in document A/C.1/62/L.9**

Mr. Chairman,

Pakistan supports the objectives of universal and non-discriminatory nuclear disarmament. However, we abstained on the resolution as a whole because of some reservations and voted against OP 6.

In 2004, my delegation had appreciated the efforts of the sponsors in revising the contents of the resolution to accommodate Pakistan’s position. However, the decision by the sponsors of the resolution to call for Pakistan’s accession to the NPT as a non-nuclear weapon state without conditions left this delegation with no option but to vote against OP 6 and abstain on the resolution as a whole.

The history and context of nuclear testing in South Asia is clear. Pakistan was not the first to test. The nuclear test in South Asia in 1974 followed by further nuclear explosions on 11 and 13 May 1998 disrupted the strategic balance in the region. Pakistan had no choice but to conduct its tests to restore strategic stability.

I thank you Mr. Chairman