

EXPLANATION OF VOTE – (AFTER THE VOTE) - Resolution L.15

Mr. Chairman,

I wish to take this opportunity to explain the vote of Brazil on Draft Resolution L.15, entitled "Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons".

Brazil voted in favour of the draft resolution because we support, as stated in its PP8, that an international convention on the prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons would be an important step in a phased programme towards the complete elimination of nuclear weapons, "with a specified framework of time". We also share the view contained 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"; as well as the reference in PP7 that such an international agreement may lead to the ultimate destruction of nuclear weapons.

Brazil's position remains that negative security assurances cannot be a substitute for multilaterally agreed disarmament measures, which should be irreversible, transparent and verifiable.

Thank you