Mr. Chairman,

Israel has joined the consensus on resolution A/C 1/57/L.44 because we believe that the objective of a FMCT is subsumed in the Middle East Nuclear Weapons Free Zone concept. Israel’s approach to this concept will be elaborated in our delegation’s explanation of vote on resolution L.28 entitled “The Establishment of a NWFZ in the region of the Middle East”.

In practical terms, assessing the modalities of this resolution cannot be done in isolation from the peace process in all its aspects, and the overall effort to reduce tension, curb proliferation and limit armaments in our region.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman