My delegation has abstained from the vote on draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.34 entitled "Missiles", because we are not convinced about the merits of continuing further deliberation on missile issue through the establishment of an UN Panel.

Although the report of the UN Governmental Expert Panel on Missiles contains some useful elements concerning missile-related issues, it has failed to agree on specific recommendations due to the divergence of views on missile issues. This year’s draft resolution reiterates the previous request for the establishment of further UN Panel with a vague and unfocused mandate. Given previous experience, it would be unrealistic to expect another Panel to produce tangible and specific recommendations.