Mr. Chairman,

I have taken the floor to explain Pakistan’s position with regard to the agenda item titled “Effects of the use of depleted uranium in armaments” as contained in document L.14.

My delegation does not agree with the implications of Preambular Paras 2 & 3. In our view, depleted uranium munitions are conventional weapons. While it is legitimate to examine their effects on health, from a radiological point of view, a matter already under IAEA and WHO scrutiny, the suggestion that these are weapons of mass destruction, is not borne out by objective evidence.

Therefore, my delegation would be constrained to abstain on the resolution.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.