Mr. Chairman,

Pakistan delegation is taking the floor to explain its position after the vote on draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/57/L.3/Rev.1

The resolution, this year, has incorporated numerous elements from the Final Document of the 2000 NPT Review Conference, to which we do not agree because of its unjustified and discriminatory demands on my country.

On Preambular Para 20 and Operative Para 18, I wish to state once again that we have never asked for any special status but we should continue to maintain our ability to deter nuclear or other aggression from any quarter. Paradoxically, the provisions of Preambular 20 and OP-18 may have the opposite effect of what it actually may be trying to achieve. In any case, these paragraphs indirectly imply that certain States do have a special status to continue to possess nuclear weapons.

For these reasons, Pakistan delegation was constrained to vote against this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.