EXPLANATION OF VOTE
on draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.42 entitled
"A path to the total elimination of nuclear weapons" (item 66)

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation is taking the floor to explain our vote after the vote on the draft resolution L-42 entitled "A path to the total elimination of nuclear weapons".

My delegation finds several provisions of the draft resolution questionable. The resolution places inordinate emphasis on non-proliferation rather than nuclear disarmament, representing a regression in this vital area. We also cannot endorse the premise of PPs-7 & 8. Furthermore, we also entertain reservations on OP-1.

Pakistan, as a non-Party to NPT, construes that we are not under any obligation to implement OP-3, including several sub-paras therein. Nor are we bound by any of the provisions which emanate from the NPT Review Conference or other forums in which Pakistan is not represented. This understanding enabled my delegation to abstain rather than vote against this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.