EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON
DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.1/37/L.49/Rev.1
"MEASURES TO PREVENT TERRORISTS FROM
ACQUIRING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION"

Mr. Chairman,

I have taken the floor to explain the vote before the vote on draft resolution as contained in document L.49/Rev.1.

Pakistan supports the objectives of the draft resolution that in view of enormity and scale of threats posed by terrorism, there is an urgent need to ensure that the weapons of mass destruction do not fall into the hands of terrorists. For such an eventuality will have catastrophic consequences.

The nature and complexity of this threat warrants a multi-pronged response. Yet my delegation believes that the surest way to eliminate this threat is through the complete elimination of all weapons of mass destruction, including the nuclear weapons.

The Member States are fully cognizant of the fact that chemical and biological weapons pose a more immediate threat in view of the availability of their precursors and agents, and relatively easy processes involved in the manufacturing of such weapons and their transportation. There is, therefore, an urgent need to address these issues through full compliance and further strengthening of Chemical Weapons Convention and Biological Weapons Convention.

While we fully agree with the objectives of the resolution, there is also a need to address the underlying causes of terrorism, which lie in suppression, injustice and deprivation.

We hope that in future all these aspects will be taken into account by the sponsors of the resolution.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.