Republic of Korea

General Statement on Verification

My delegation would like to make a general statement on the draft resolution contained in L.33 entitled Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification. Verification is one of the key issues in disarmament and nonproliferation. This issue needs to be carefully reviewed in consideration of technical developments and other relevant factors. It has been ten years since the establishment of the previous panel of governmental experts on Verification. My delegation believes that it is the right time to set up another panel to review this matter. My delegation does not share the view that the work of this panel will undermine or be inconsistent with relevant treaty bodies' unique verification functions. We don't need to prejudge the outcome of this panel at this stage. It is the hope of my delegation that they timely establishment of the panel will provide a valuable opportunity to overview the issue of verification in all its aspects and might bring about consensus recommendations. The Republic of Korea would like to do its best to contribute in this endeavor.