Mr. Chairman,

The Indian delegation has taken the floor to explain its position on the resolution ‘Confidence-building measures in the regional and sub-regional context’ as contained in document L.45/Rev.2 which has just been adopted without a vote.

India believes that confidence building measures can play a significant role in establishing an atmosphere of trust, cooperation and confidence, which in turn are conducive to the resolution of outstanding issues through peaceful means. We are joining the consensus in keeping with the importance we attach to confidence building measures.

We acknowledge the improvements in the text of L.45/Rev.2 as compared to the resolution 58/43 adopted last year, which presented concepts not in keeping with the generally accepted principles on confidence building measures. Our joining the consensus today should not be seen as support to the resolution 58/43 to which the text of the present resolution makes reference in preambular paragraph-2.

Thank you.