Statement by the Chinese Delegation on the Resolution L.50
Entitled “Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation”
(October 26th, 2004)

Mr. Chairman,

The Chinese delegation voted in favour of the Resolution L.50 entitled “Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCOC)”. I'd like to take this opportunity to explain China's position in this regard.

China agrees with the non-proliferation objective of the HCOC, and participated in the discussions about the draft Code. Since some of China's concerns had not been solved during that discussion, China didn’t join the HCOC. However, China will continue the exchanges of views with all sides, including the HCOC Member States, making joint efforts to prevent the proliferation of ballistic missiles.

China all along supports non-proliferation, and advocates continuously strengthening international non-proliferation efforts through dialogues and cooperation with universal participation. In this process, the role of the United Nations should be fully utilized.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.