The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation: L-50

Explanation of Vote before the vote

Mr. Chairman,

While the Indian delegation acknowledges the positive intentions of the co-sponsors of this Resolution, India intends to abstain on the Resolution because it believes in arms control and disarmament measures that are transparent, equitable and non-discriminatory and in which all Member States of the United Nations are part of the process.

India has suffered from the adverse effects of proliferation, including in the area of missiles, and is determined to maintain its exemplary record in safeguarding its sensitive technologies.

Disarmament and non-proliferation must be pursued to create a new system of comprehensive global security, for which strengthening of the United Nations system is essential. This objective cannot be served in the best manner possible through exclusivist, ad-hoc and club-based approaches, but through multilateral engagement and negotiations.

An inclusive approach will allow for the subject to be dealt with in a comprehensive manner. It will also validate and reinforce the commitment of the larger number of States that would participate in such a process.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.