Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Explanation of the vote on draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.50

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

My country, in fact, through introducing the resolution on Missiles to the General Assembly has already expressed its interest in dealing with the issue of missiles within the United Nations.

Unfortunately my delegation was forced to vote against the draft resolution L.50 on “HCOC”, because this is unprecedented during the first Committee deliberations that a draft resolution is introduced and then cosponsors reject to even consider and discuss improvements to the text. The HCOC key delegations in defiance of the interest of other non-subscribing States to the HCOC to engage themselves in a good and cooperatory spirit to reflect their views in the draft rejected continuously discussing the improvements to the text. This attitude and stating in its strongest term that the draft resolution is not open to any kind of modification, is against the spirit of the United Nations which is a vehicle for cooperation and collaboration among Member States. This also contradicts the rule of democratic relations among Member States. Unfortunately the draft resolution was drafted behind the closed doors and outside of the framework of the United Nations and was brought here only to force the delegations to accept it in a “Take or Leave” manner.

Mr. Chairman, in our view this is not the way that a UN subsidiary body woks and we hope that the attitude of cosponsors would be changed in the future exercise.

Thank you