Pakistan

Explanation of Vote on the Resolution “2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and its Preparatory Committee” contained in document A/C.1/61/L.21, Rev-1

Madam Chairperson,

I have taken the floor to explain our vote on the resolution contained in document L.21, Rev-1. My delegation has abstained on the resolution in line with our consistent position with regard to the NPT.

Pakistan subscribes to the objectives of the NPT, although it is a non-NPT nuclear weapon state. We are already fulfilling the NPT’s non-proliferation norms. Pakistan is prepared to continue to act in consonance with the general obligations in this regard. Because of the ground realities, we cannot, however, be expected to adhere to that treaty as a non-nuclear weapon state.

Despite this limitation we recognize the important contribution made by the successive NPT Review Conferences to address the issues of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. However, the current disarmament and non-proliferation regime is facing challenges to which we have drawn attention in our statement in this Committee. We sincerely hope that the next NPT RevCon will explore ways to normalize the relationship between NPT and Non-NPT nuclear states to make the NPT a living treaty which is responsive to the realities of today.

I thank you Madam Chair.