Explanation of Vote
on resolution entitled “Renewed determination towards total elimination of nuclear weapons” contained in document A/C.1/61/L.32*

Madam Chairperson,

My delegation does not agree with several provisions of the resolution titled “Renewed determination towards total elimination of nuclear weapons”. The resolution places lopsided emphasis on non-proliferation rather than on nuclear disarmament. This indeed reflects a regression in this vital area.

In accordance with our consistent position, we cannot accept the call to accede to the NPT as a non-Nuclear Weapon State, nor do we consider ourselves bound by any of the provisions which emanate from the NPT Review Conference or other fora in which Pakistan is not represented. While my delegation supports the objective of total elimination of NW, it cannot agree to some of the proposals in the resolution which are both selective and unrealistic.

In view of these reservations, my delegation has abstained on the resolution.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.