Explanations of vote by the Myanmar delegation on the draft resolution on "Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction" (A/61/44 Rev.1).

Thanks Mr. Chairperson,

I should like to explain the position of my delegation on the resolution contained in document A/61/44 Rev.1, entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction".
Myanmar is, in principle, in favour of banning the export, transfer and indiscriminate use of anti-personnel mines. Although Myanmar is not a State party to the Ottawa Convention, my delegation respects the position of the States parties thereto and to the Convention. We oppose the indiscriminate use of anti-personnel mines which cause death and injury to innocent people all over the world.

At the same time, Myanmar believes that all states have the right to self-defence in accordance with Article 51 of the UN Charter. We also believe that all
States must possess the right of self-defence, as no state would compromise its national security and sovereign interests under any circumstance.

Accordingly, Madame Chair,

in this regard, therefore, my delegation abstained in the voting on the draft resolution A/...01/6/1/47. Ref.

I thank you.