PAKISTAN

Explanation of Vote on draft resolution entitled “Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty” contained in document A/C.1/61/L-48, Rev.1*

Madam Chairperson,

Over the years, Pakistan has consistently supported the objectives of the CTBT. We have been voting in favour of this resolution in the Committee. We have voted for the resolution this year as well.

In keeping with our policy of restraint and responsibility, Pakistan has observed a unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing, which we believe is in line with the object and purpose of the CTBT. We would have liked the draft resolution to appropriately reflect this element.

My delegation continues to believe that the objective of the call in the resolution for promoting signatures and ratifications leading to CTBT’s entry-into-force will be facilitated when major erstwhile proponents of the CTBT decide to restore their support. Acceptance of the CTBT obligations on a regional basis in South Asia will also help expedite its entry-into-force.

I thank you Madam Chairperson.