Mr. Chairman,

The delegation of the DPRK strongly rejects the last paragraph of the preamble in the draft resolution A/63/L.58 introduced by Japan.

The SC resolution 1718 referred in the abovementioned resolution, is no more than a product of irresponsibility and unfairness of the Security Council.

The SC, rather than making an issue of the DPRK’s nuclear test, would have called to account the country that caused the test.

The nuclear test of the DPRK is an righteous measure for self-defense. Its nuclear deterrence constitutes a reliable guarantee for peace and security of the Korean peninsula and beyond.

Lurking behind this paragraph is a sinister motive of Japan to divert elsewhere the attention of the international community from its remilitarization attempts.

Japan should commit itself before the international community to a full implementation of its obligations under Six Party agreements, refraining from absurd calls for implementation of the SC resolution 1718, which will only complicate the on-going process of the Six Party Talks.

For these reasons, my delegation will vote against the draft resolution as a whole.