India’s EOVs on First Committee resolutions
on October 30 2008

Cluster 6: Other Disarmament Measures and International Security

Resolution contained in L32 Rev 1 : Compliance with non-proliferation, arms
limitation and disarmament agreements and commitments

India has voted in favour of the resolution since it believes in the responsibility of
States to fully comply with their obligations, as undertaken in various disarmament,
non-proliferation and arms limitation agreements, to which they are parties.
Commitments of states also arise from obligations that states have undertaken
voluntarily and in exercise of their sovereign decisions.

We would, however, like to place on record our understanding that States, in
encouraging compliance by other States with the disarmament, non-proliferation and
arms limitation agreements to which they are parties, shall act in accordance with the
compliance mechanisms provided in the relevant agreements and in a manner
consistent with the UN Charter and international law. Similarly, they shall also resolve
any issues relating to compliance by a State of its obligations in respect of the
disarmament, non-proliferation and arms limitation agreements to which it is a party,
in accordance with the compliance mechanisms provided in the relevant agreements
and in a manner consistent with the UN Charter and international law. We would also
like to emphasize the significance of multilateralism in addressing issues that may
arise in relation to non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements
and commitments.

Furthermore, it is our understanding that ‘other agreed obligations’ imply only those
obligations that have been undertaken by States with their sovereign consent.