Indonesia’s explanation of vote

on draft resolution L.32/Rev1
“Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements and commitments”

30 October 2008

My delegation has requested the floor to explain its vote on draft resolution L.32/Rev.1 entitled “Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation, and disarmament agreements and commitments”. We have voted this year in favor of the resolution.

Indonesia acknowledges the importance of compliance with agreements and other agreed obligations and commitments undertaken in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation. We agree with the draft resolution that non-compliance of disarmament and non-proliferation agreements and commitments may affect the security of States parties. This could create security risks for other States relying on the constraints and commitments stipulated in those agreements.

We also believe that without compliance to those agreements and commitments, which States have undertaken, the treaty regime may be weakened. It can become ineffective, and this may be a disincentive for some to remain in the regime. We are, therefore, keen to see that all States parties to any agreement faithfully comply with the entirety of all provisions of disarmament, arms control and nonproliferation obligations and commitments.

We note that some amendments have been made by the sponsors. We would have preferred a more clear reference to compliance to the entirety of all provisions, including nuclear disarmament obligations, commitments and undertaking. We believe that compliance with nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation should be addressed in a balanced manner. Both merit equal attention.

We hope that our support and flexibility, based on good faith, as shown by our position on this resolution could be reciprocated by the sponsors of this resolution. We also hope that the spirit of cooperation will spread, and would lead to the corresponding commitment, action, and greater flexibility in the
future, particularly on the issue of nuclear disarmament, in order to enable this
delegation to support this resolution in the future. Thank you.