Indonesia’s explanation of vote after the vote on draft resolution L.38
28 October 2008

My delegation has requested the floor to explain its vote on draft resolution L.38.

My delegation remains convinced of the need for a multilaterally negotiated, universal, comprehensive, transparent and non-discriminatory approach toward the issue of missiles in all its aspects as a contribution to international peace and security. Indonesia therefore supports the involvement of the United Nations in addressing the issue of missiles in all its aspects.

The draft resolution remains unchanged since the previous resolution on this subject adopted two years ago, including the continued exclusion of the word “development” from the text. The inclusion of the word “development” to the existing word “proliferation” would have yielded a more balanced text with regard to these weapons and their means of delivery.

In addition the draft text does not clearly mention the central role of the United Nations in the area of missile, which we deem important.

For that reason, my delegation will vote in abstention to this draft resolution.

Thank you.