**Indonesia’s explanation of vote**

**on draft resolution L.43**  
“Preventing and combating illicit brokering activities”

30 October 2008

My delegation has requested the floor to explain its vote on draft resolution L.43 entitled “Preventing and combating illicit brokering activities”, in which we have joined the consensus.

We appreciate the initiative by Republic of Korea and Australia to introduce a resolution on illicit brokering activities, as a means for further raising awareness in the international community of the importance of curbing these activities.

We commend the co-authors, which have conducted intensive consultations in a transparent manner. These consultations and the subsequent changes have addressed most issues of concern that my delegation had. The conceptual uncleariness in the earlier version does not exist any longer. Consistency has been maintained, and vague wordings removed. Important principles are intact. Considering that this is a new resolution, we appreciate that the authors have chosen to take a step by step approach, and have presented a more modest version of the steps ahead.

In considering this resolution, we were guided by the principle that any control on transfers of materials, equipment and technology, including through the control on brokering activities should in no way hamper international cooperation for peaceful purposes and for legitimate trade. As a developing country, which relies on trade and transfers of technology for its continued development, Indonesia is keen to avoid undue restrictions on them when they are purely for peaceful purposes. We noted that this resolution underlines this important principle.

In line with PP3 and OP 3 of this resolution, we consider all brokering activities as illegal when they operate beyond the regulation provided by the State, including the requirement of brokering agency to receive certification by the relevant government agencies. These include brokering activities which provide services in the acquisition of conventional weapons as well as in the provision of materials, equipments and technology.
Thank you.