Mr. Chairman

I've taken the floor to explain the position of my delegation with respect to the draft Resolution A/C.1/L.32/Rev.1 entitled "Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements and commitments". Based on its principled position, my delegation is of the strong belief that all States Parties must comply on a non-discriminatory basis with all provisions of the treaties to which they are parties. At the same time we are of the belief that subjective and unilateral assessment of non-compliance as well as the attempt to use such assessments as political and foreign policy leverage would only undermine the international and multilateral efforts to strengthen an effective global disarmament and non-proliferation regime.

On the other hand we believe that the international disarmament and non-proliferation instruments include both rights and obligations for the States Parties. In this vein, restriction or denial of the inalienable rights of the States Parties enshrined in these treaties such as the peaceful uses of nuclear energy constitute a clear non compliance with the provisions of the said treaties.

Speaking on the content of the text in terms of its merits, we are satisfied to see that in draft resolution L.32/Rev.1, the concept of "other agreed obligations" which clearly includes the obligations agreed within the disarmament treaty Review Conferences such as the NPT Review Conferences continues to remain in the draft. That reference underscores that compliance with these obligations are as fundamental and essential as the obligations enshrined in the legal instruments. Moreover, referring to the concept of compliance as a contribution to the efforts in preventing the development of weapons of mass destruction is another element in the present draft which urges those States that are not currently in compliance with their respective obligations under Article VI of the NPT to come back into compliance. The continued failure by some nuclear weapon states to comply with their obligations under the NPT, 1995 and 2000 NPT Review Conferences will undermine the viability and effectiveness of and confidence in the Treaty.

However, in our view the draft resolution L.32/Rev.1 continues to suffer from basic substantive shortcomings as follows:

- While the nuclear disarmament is the highest priority for the international community, the text fails to accord priority to nuclear disarmament obligations and commitments, and compliance with those obligations.
- The central role of the international organizations, responsible for the verification of compliance by states parties to the disarmament and non-proliferation instruments in accordance with the procedures defined in those instruments is overlooked.

- Consultations and cooperation among States parties to the relevant instruments in resolving their concerns with regard to cases of non-compliance as well as on implementation, in accordance with the procedures defined in those instruments, are essential to the multilateralism. That fundamental principle has been totally ignored.

- Compliance is a very important legal issue. Therefore, the precision and clarity are needed for any text dealing with this sensitive issue. The content of the draft lacks such quality.

Last but not least, we can not agree to an approach which supports national technical means for verification, compliance and enforcement. Such an approach which tends to be implemented on the basis of politically motivated assumptions would lead to the resort to unilateralism and would undermine the multilaterally agreed verification mechanisms.

For these reasons, my delegation has opted to abstain on this draft.