Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Explanation of the vote on draft Resolution L.38

Mr. Chairman;

I have taken the floor to explain the position of my delegation on the draft Resolution L.38 entitled “The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation”.

HCOC was drafted and endorsed outside the United Nations in an opaque manner and without participation of all interested countries. More over a selective, unbalanced and incomprehensive approach was pursued in devising the content of the HCOC.

Regrettably the same approach was governing the discussion on the draft Resolution L.38. Rejecting any amendments, on the said draft, may be construed as continuation of the intention of co-sponsors based on the “take it or leave it” approach.

We were encouraged by the statement of the then Chairman of HCOC in 2005 through which a substantive and positive consideration of the amendments presented by the non-subscribing States, was promised. Nevertheless we have not noticed any substantive changes in the present draft Resolution comparing the previous one, and it seems that the above-mentioned promise was not realized.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, my delegation was, once again, forced to vote against this draft.