EXPLANATION OF VOTE

Draft Resolution L. 21 “Environmental norms”

Mr. Chairman,

The United States disassociates itself from the Committee’s action on draft resolution L.21, “Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control.”

Mr. Chairman, the United States operates under stringent domestic environmental impact regulations for many activities, including its implementation of arms control and disarmament agreements. However, it sees no direct connection between general environmental standards and multilateral arms control.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.