EXPLANATION OF VOTE

Draft Resolution L. 23: “Relationship between disarmament and development”

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman,

The United States did not participate in the Committee’s action on Draft Resolution L.23, “Relationship between disarmament and development.” Our delegation continues to believe that disarmament and development are two distinct issues that do not lend themselves to being linked. It was for this reason that the United States did not participate in the 1987 conference on this matter. Accordingly, the United States does not and will not consider itself bound by the Final Document of that conference.