EXPLANATION OF VOTE

Draft Resolution L. 50: United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa

Mr. Chairman,

The United States supports the efforts of nations to work among themselves to solve regional problems, and we believe that UN regional centers can facilitate such work. However, we continue to believe that funding for these centers should come from voluntary contributions as it has since they were created.

Last year we opposed in First Committee a proposal to include in the United Nations Regular Budget funding for operating costs and three new posts in the African center. While we abstained on this issue in the UN General Assembly, our position that this Center should be funded from voluntary contributions has not changed.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.