India remains committed to the goal of global, verifiable and non-discriminatory nuclear disarmament in a time-bound framework. We have repeatedly stressed the need for a step by step process underwritten by a universal commitment and an agreed multilateral framework for achieving global and non-discriminatory nuclear disarmament. In substantive terms the resolution falls short of this objective.

India has voted against OP 2 as we cannot accept the call to accede to the Treaty on the Non Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as a non-nuclear-weapon State. India's position on the NPT is well-known. There is no question of India joining the NPT as a non-nuclear weapon state. Nuclear weapons are an integral part of India's national security and will remain so, pending non-discriminatory and global nuclear disarmament.

India has abstained on OP 8 consistent with its position on CTBT. As India supports the commencement of negotiations on FMCT in the Conference on Disarmament, the question of a moratorium on the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons does not arise. Hence we have abstained on OP9."

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