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*Explanation of vote by*  

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**L19 “High-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament”**  

**New York, 7 November 2012**  

Mr. Chairman,  

I wish to explain my delegations abstention on draft resolution L19 “High-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament.”  

Mr. Chairman,  

We question the value of holding a High-Level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament when there are already sufficient venues for such discussion; in the UNGA First Committee, at the United Nations Disarmament Commission, and within the Conference on Disarmament.  

We are puzzled about how such an HLM will further the goals of the NPT Action Plan that was agreed by consensus in 2010. In our view this roadmap of actions offers the best way of taking forward the multilateral nuclear disarmament agenda, along with related issues.  

We continue to believe that nuclear nonproliferation and nuclear disarmament are mutually reinforcing and therefore regret that this High Level meeting doesn’t treat both of these aspects in a balanced manner.  

Thank you Mr Chairman.