Explanation of Vote of the Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran

On Draft Resolution:

“Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction”

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In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

Mr. Chairman,

I wish to explain the position of my delegation on draft resolution “Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction” contained in document A/C.1/67/L.26.

As one of the main victims of terrorist acts, the Islamic Republic of Iran has always supported the measures to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations on a non-discriminatory basis.

In pursuit of this principled position, my country has always supported this draft resolution since its introduction at the First Committee.

However, the draft proposed this year contains a reference to the so-call “Nuclear Security Summits”, a closed selected gathering for a selective approach towards nuclear security based on the assumption that the possession of nuclear weapons by a few countries should be continued and the only major problem is how to secure the weapons and needed materials for production of such weapons.

A thorough review of the documents of these gatherings indicates that in those documents there is even no single word about nuclear disarmament and total elimination of nuclear weapons which is the only absolute guarantee against the threat posed to the international peace and security by nuclear weapons.
Furthermore, a Nuclear-Weapon State hosting the first round of such meetings has used to go outside the UN, draft some documents and come back to the UN for their endorsement which is a wrong approach towards multilateralism in the field of disarmament.

Despite full sympathy with the thrust of the draft resolution, the reference to the said gatherings in the current draft obliged my delegation, while joining the consensus, to disassociate itself from the paragraph contained therein on the so-called Nuclear Security Summits.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.