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EoV on L41 Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices

My delegation has taken the floor to explain its vote on resolution L41 as orally amended. It has been India’s consistent position, that without prejudice to the priority we attach to nuclear disarmament, we support the negotiation in the Conference on Disarmament of a non-discriminatory and internationally verifiable treaty banning the future production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices. The establishment of the GGE under this resolution should not replace the CD as the forum for the negotiation of an FMCT. Therefore, the work of the proposed GGE, in our view, amounts to neither pre-negotiations nor negotiations on an FMCT, which should take place in the CD on the basis of the agreed mandate. Further, it is our understanding that the report of the UNSG referred to in OP2, as is the established practice, will contain only the views of member states received by the Secretariat. India supports the CD as the world’s single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum and we hope that its member states will redouble efforts to enable the Conference to commence substantive work at an early date.