Explanation of Vote of the Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran
On Draft Resolution:
“What forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations”
At the 67th Session of the First Committee
New York, 6 November 2012
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In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to explain the position of my delegation regarding draft resolution on “Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations” as contained in document: A/C.1/67/L.46.Rev.1.

We voted in favor of this draft resolution since it deals with nuclear disarmament which is the highest priority of the international community in the field of disarmament.

At the same time, we would like to put on record that, based on our interpretation from the draft resolution, the open-ended working group established by this resolution has no negotiating mandate, does not substitute any part of multilateral disarmament machinery, and its role and mandate shall not, in any way, be in contradiction with the role, mandate and authority of the Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to Disarmament.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.