Mr. Chairman,

My delegation continues to disagree with several provisions of the resolution titled “United action towards total elimination of nuclear weapons”.

In accordance with our clear and consistent position, we reject the unrealistic call to accede to the NPT as a non-Nuclear Weapon State without conditions. At the same time, we do not consider ourselves bound by any of the provisions including those which are adopted by the NPT Review Conferences or other fora in which Pakistan is not represented.

While Pakistan supports the objective of total elimination of Nuclear Weapons, it cannot agree to some of the proposals in the resolution, such as immediate commencement of FMCT negotiations and universalization of CSA. We deem these proposals as selective, discriminatory, contrary to our legitimate security interests and violation of the IAEA Statute.

In view of these reservations, my delegation has abstained on the resolution as a whole as well as on OP-2 and OP-16 and voted against OP-9.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.