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Explanation of vote by

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L58 “Open-ended working group on the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to Disarmament”

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Mr. Chairman,

I am taking the floor on behalf of France, the United Kingdom and the United States to explain our abstention on the decision contained in L.58, entitled “Open-ended working group on the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to Disarmament “

The decision in L.58 is based on the decisions taken by the UNGA in its resolution 65/66, upon which our three delegations abstained on budgetary and substantive grounds.

In our view, these reasons remain valid and therefore our delegations decided to maintain our abstention.

Thank you Mr. Chairman