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

On Draft Resolutions Entitled:

“United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean”,

“Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa” and

“United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa”

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,

My delegation joined the consensus in adopting draft resolutions on the United Nations Regional Centers in Latin America and Africa, as well as the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa, as contained respectively in documents: A/C.1/67/L.38, A/C.1/67/L.59 and A/C.1/67/L.57, based on the understanding that all measures, references and concepts contained in such draft resolutions are applicable only to the countries in the concerned regions.

My delegation, while disassociating itself from any reference in those draft resolutions to “ammunition and explosives”, “armed violence”, and “resolutions of the Security Council, including resolution 1325”, would like to put on record that these references should not set a precedent for their inclusion, in future, in other resolutions of the first committee or the scope of the issues or outcome documents of other disarmament forums such as the meetings related to the Program of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.