Mr. Chairman,

1. I am honored to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement in the thematic debate on “Other disarmament measures and international security”.

2. NAM is presenting four draft resolutions under this cluster on which it looks forward to support from all Member States. The draft resolutions are as follows:

3. First, L.16 “Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium”. Taking into consideration the potential harmful effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium on human health and the environment, NAM invites Member States that have used armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium in armed conflicts to provide the relevant authorities of affected States, upon request, with information, as detailed as possible, about the location of the areas of use and the amounts used, with the objective of facilitating the assessment of such areas.

4. Second, L.17 “Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control”. NAM stresses that international disarmament forums should take fully into account the relevant environmental norms in negotiating treaties and agreements on disarmament and arms limitation and that all States, through their actions, should contribute fully to ensuring compliance with the aforementioned norms in the implementation of treaties and conventions to which they are parties. NAM calls upon States to adopt unilateral, bilateral, regional and multilateral measures so as to contribute to ensuring the application of scientific and technological progress within the framework of international security, disarmament and other related spheres, without detriment to the environment, and with a view to attaining sustainable development.

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1 Based on OP1 “Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control”
5. The third resolution presented by NAM is L.18 “Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation”. NAM reaffirms multilateralism as the core principle in resolving disarmament and non-proliferation concerns, and urges the participation of all States in multilateral negotiations on arms regulation, non-proliferation and disarmament in a non-discriminatory and transparent manner. NAM urges all Member States to renew and fulfil their individual and collective commitments to multilateral cooperation as an important means of pursuing and achieving their common objectives in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation.

6. The fourth resolution presented by NAM is L.20 “Relationship between disarmament and development”. NAM stresses the importance of symbiotic relationship between disarmament and development and the important role of security in this connection. The Movement is concerned at increasing global military expenditure, which could otherwise be spent on development needs. NAM encourages the international community to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and to make reference to the contribution that disarmament could provide in meeting them when it reviews its progress in 2013, as well as to make greater efforts to integrate disarmament, humanitarian and development activities.

7. In conclusion Mr. Chairman, I would like to explain the position of the Movement regarding security aspects of information technologies and means of telecommunication. While noting that considerable progress has been made in developing and applying the latest information technologies and means of telecommunication, the Movement expresses concern that these technologies and means can potentially be used for purposes that are inconsistent with the objectives of maintaining international stability and security and may adversely affect the integrity of the infrastructure of States to the detriment of their security in both civil and military fields. In this regard and while taking into account the ongoing efforts within the United Nations, NAM calls upon Member States to further promote at multilateral levels the consideration of existing and potential threats in the field of information security, as well as possible strategies to address the threats emerging in this field. NAM emphasizes that these technologies and means should be utilized by Member States in a manner consistent with international law and the principles and purposes of the UN Charter.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.