**Explanation of vote before considering the text**

“No first placement of weapons in outer space”, presented by the Russian Federation under agenda item 94 b), draft resolution L.14

Mexico will support this draft resolution since we agree with the importance and urgency of preventing an arms race in outer space, in compliance with our commitments for preserving outer space exclusively for peaceful purposes as well as in accordance with the aim of achieving general and complete disarmament, under strict international control.

Mexico will continue striving against the placement of weapons in outer space by any actor. Mexico also reiterates that all nuclear weapons should be prohibited and eliminated independently of their class and placement.

My country supports the creation of new international agreements regarding this matter, as well as the commencement of negotiations of new treaties that complement the existing ones, in order to encourage confidence and a safer world.

Finally, Mexico wishes to clearly state that the declaration of a country or of a group of countries in the sense of “not being the first” to place weapons in outer space, should not be understood, in any moment, as a tacit endorsement or as the acceptance of a supposed right of placing weapons in outer space or to launch them from the ground if another State is the first one to do it or as a response to an attack. This situation could generate a *de facto* arms race in outer space since it could be used as an excuse in order to justify the possible placement of weapons in outer space, to which Mexico is firmly opposed.