India has taken the floor to explain its vote on decision L.20. It has been India’s consistent position, that without prejudice to the priority we attach to nuclear disarmament, we support the negotiation in the Conference on Disarmament of a non-discriminatory and internationally verifiable treaty banning the future production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices. India submitted its views on an FMCT for UNSG’s report as called for in resolution 67/53.

India is participating in the GGE on FMCT established under UNGA Resolution 67/53. As we stated at the time of the adoption of this resolution in 2012, the work of the GGE amounts to neither pre-negotiations nor negotiations on an FMCT, which should take place in the CD. We hope that the work of the GGE will strengthen international resolve for the early commencement of FMCT negotiations in the CD on the basis of the agreed mandate contained in CD/1299. India supports the CD as the world’s single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum and we hope that its member states will redouble efforts to enable the Conference to commence substantive work at an early date.

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