Explanation of Vote
Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran
on Draft Resolution: "The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation"
at the 69th Session of the First Committee
New York, 31 October 2014

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to explain the position of my delegation regarding the draft resolution entitled “The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation”, contained in document A/C.1/69/L. 25.

The Hague Code of Conduct (HCOC), an instrument drafted and endorsed outside the United Nations in an unbalanced and incomprehensive manner, does not represent a negotiated text.

HCOC does not involve any disarmament perspective. It seeks to preserve the status quo. It is silent on vertical proliferation. It acknowledges the possession and development of ballistic missiles by a few States while seeks to discourage others from obtaining them without any incentives;

HCOC has exclusively focused on ballistic missiles and has failed to address other kinds of missiles. It is silent on cruise missiles;

HCOC has not provided a definition of “ballistic missiles capable of delivering weapons of mass destruction”. As a result of this lack of definition, HCOC does not distinguish between Space Launch Vehicles (SLVs) program and ballistic missiles program. Rather than providing incentive for membership, HCOC restricts international cooperation and assistance in the area of SLVs;

The right of all States to peaceful applications of space, including through having access to necessary technology for SLVs has been overlooked or neglected.

The draft resolution has not been drafted in consultation with the non-subscribing States. Therefore, my delegation, obliged to vote NO on this draft resolution.