Mr. Chairman,

I have taken the floor to explain my delegation’s position on draft resolution entitled “The Risk of Nuclear Proliferation in the Middle East” contained in document A/C.1/69/L.2/Rev.1

Pakistan continues to support the primary purpose and focus of this resolution. However, we believe that references to the recommendations and conclusions emanating from various NPT review conferences need to be qualified. In this context, we are disappointed at the continued but unrealistic call on Pakistan to join the NPT as a non-nuclear weapons state. Pakistan is a nuclear weapons state and there is no question of us joining the NPT as a NNWS.

In view of these considerations, we have voted in favour of the draft text as a whole while abstaining on preambular paragraphs 5 & 6.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.