Mr. Chairman,

I would like to explain the position of my delegation regarding the draft resolution on "preventing the acquisition by terrorists of radioactive sources", contained in document A/C.1/69/L. 34/Rev. 1

My delegation fully supports the main objective of the resolution. To preserve the global consensus on this issue, it is necessary to avoid overloading the text of resolution with unrelated matters. When the initial draft of this resolution was circulated early October in New York, we expressed our concern regarding the incorporation of many new languages and concepts which are still under discussion in Vienna and there exist no agreement on them. We are pleased that the sponsors chose to put the draft resolution back on the right track and modified their initial ambitious approach. We call on the sponsors to refrain from bringing into the resolution issues that are of technical nature and should be exclusively considered within the IAEA.

Given the limited time available, the consideration of the new provisions of the resolution is still underway by relevant authorities in Tehran. Therefore, my delegation reserves its right for further comments on this resolution at a later stage.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.