Explanation of Vote
Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran
On Draft Resolution: “Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control”
at the 69th Session of the First Committee
New York, 4 November 2014
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In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to explain the position of my delegation regarding the draft resolution entitled “Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control” contained in document A/C.1/69/L. 47.

We abstained in voting on PP 8 because it contains unacceptable language on the Arm Trade Treaty. ATT is an instrument full of legal flaws and loopholes. ATT is not a consensus-based treaty. Therefore, it cannot be referred to in a prescriptive manner in a consensus resolution of the UNGA. We constructively engaged in consultation with the main sponsor of the resolution in order to find a compromise solution. In the spirit of flexibility and good faith, we put forward reasonable proposals. However, they are not accommodated.

We voted in favor of the resolution as a whole because we support its main goal. However, we would like to put on record that this draft resolution is acceptable to my delegation inasmuch as it is in line with our constitution, laws and regulations, and administrative procedures.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.