Mr. Chairman,

My delegation has voted in favour of the draft resolution entitled “Women, Disarmament, Non-proliferation and Arms Control,” contained in document A/C.1/69/L.47.

We commend the sponsors of the resolution for highlighting the role of women in promoting disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control. The resolution rightly points out that equal, full and effective participation of both women and men is one of the essential factors for the promotion and attainment of sustainable peace and security.

On certain elements of the resolution, however, my delegation feels that a more inclusive approach to accommodate different constructive proposals could have been adopted. On the elements outlined in OP-4 and OP-7, while we fully support the need to make efforts to understand the impact of armed violence in general and for effective national risk assessment criteria, we are convinced that there should neither be any hierarchy of violence nor prioritization of one particular type of risk assessment over others.

The resolution misses out on two other key elements which are central to the viability of proposed measures i.e. availability of required resources and national laws as well as varying priorities of States. We hope that the sponsors will take into account these elements in the future.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.