The Brazilian delegation will vote in favor of draft resolution L.21, entitled "Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons" because we share the understanding that nuclear weapons constitute a threat to the survival of mankind and therefore should never again be used.

However, Brazil stresses the need to go beyond the mere prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons and completely eliminate them, as in our view their very existence constitutes a threat to international peace and security.

Complete, verifiable and irreversible nuclear disarmament must remain a global priority. Towards that end, there is an urgent need to launch negotiations on a comprehensive legally binding instrument banning the development, production, acquisition, possession, stockpiling, retention, testing, use and transfer of such weapons and providing for their complete elimination.

We recall the unequivocal undertaking by the nuclear-weapon States to accomplish nuclear disarmament, in accordance with commitments made under article VI of the NPT. In this context, we also draw attention to paragraphs 81 and 82 of the Final Document of the 2010 NPT Review Conference.