BRAZIL – FIRST COMMITTEE – EXPLANATION OF VOTE

L.38 – Humanitarian Pledge for the Prohibition and Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

Brazil will vote in favor of draft resolution L.38, entitled “Humanitarian Pledge for the Prohibition and Elimination of Nuclear Weapons” because we support its scope, specific provisions and ultimate objectives. Brazil was, alongside our sister nations of CELAC, one of the first countries to endorse the "Humanitarian Pledge" issued by Austria during the Third Conference on the Humanitarian Consequences of Nuclear Weapons and upon which the present resolution is based, and has been a strong advocate of its merits.

Unfortunately, we are not in a position to cosponsor the resolution due to our concern over the term "human security", present in OP 2. As Brazil and other countries have stated in other fora, the concept of human security is not sufficiently developed as of yet, lacking the precision needed to underpin an official international document. In our view, the resolution would gain in clarity by dispensing with it.

This specific observation, however, does not interfere with our full commitment to the rationale and goals of this resolution, which, in our view, is an important contribution to achieving nuclear disarmament.