I wish to explain the position of my delegation on draft resolution L.12 entitled “Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction”. Combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations on a non-discriminatory basis has been the long-standing policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Accordingly, Iran has always supported this resolution since its introduction at the First Committee.

We fully agree that international cooperation aimed at strengthening security and physical protection of nuclear material and facility contributes to preventing terrorist from acquiring nuclear weapons. We believe this important issue can be best addressed within the relevant multilateral organization and in an open, comprehensive and transparent manner, with participation of all States. In this context, the International Atomic Energy Agency provides the most proper place for addressing this issue.

We have reservations on the reference to the so-called “Nuclear Security Summits” in preamble paragraph 9 of L.12. Therefore, my delegation would like to put on record that it disassociates itself from consensus on the PP 9.