Mr. Chairman,

I have requested for the floor to explain my delegation’s position on the resolution “United action towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons” contained in the document A/C.1/71/L.26.

Pakistan supports the objective of nuclear disarmament and total elimination of nuclear weapons, a key goal of this draft resolution. My delegation would like to clarify our position on some of the provisions of this resolution.

On the references in the resolution regarding NPT and its Review Conferences, we cannot be bound by decisions in other fora where we are not present.

We are also concerned that a resolution seeking united action towards elimination of nuclear weapons calls for addressing the non-proliferation aspect of fissile materials only.

The comprehensive safeguards agreement obviously applies only to the states that have consented to assume such legal obligations under the NPT. In view of these points my delegation has abstained on the resolution as a whole as well as on OP-5 and OP-27 while voted against OP-20.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.