Mr. Chairman,

Nuclear disarmament and total elimination of nuclear weapons are goals that Pakistan has consistently supported.

My delegation supports several elements of the draft resolution contained in document L.47 including, inter alia, the call for establishment of an ad hoc Committee in the CD on nuclear disarmament; conclusion of a legally binding instrument on negative security assurances and the need for taking into account the security interests of all states, while negotiating disarmament treaties.

However, we cannot agree to the calls for full implementation of the Action Plans of the previous NPT Review Conferences, in line with our well-known position on the NPT. We have therefore abstained on the resolution.

Operative paragraph 16 calls for immediate commencement of FMCT negotiations on the basis of mandate contained in CD/1299. It is, indeed, ironic that a resolution on nuclear disarmament continues to only reflect the non-proliferation centric fissile material negotiations. Therefore, we have decided to vote against this paragraph.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.