Mr. Chairman,

I have asked for the floor to explain our vote on the draft resolution contained in document L.5 entitled “The Hague Code of Conduct Against Ballistic Missile Proliferation”.

Pakistan has consistently demonstrated its commitment to the objective of non-proliferation of missiles.

During the discussions that led to the evolution of the Hague Code of Conduct, Pakistan had stressed that the issue of missiles was complex. It was, therefore, important to address it in a duly constituted multilateral forum so that the views and concerns of all States could be taken on board.

While we acknowledge that efforts were made to accommodate the concerns of participating states, the lack of proper deliberations prevented the views of several missile possessor states from being taken on board appropriately.

For these reasons my delegation has abstained on the draft resolution.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman