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CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

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Explanation of vote:

L.65 - Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices

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Mr. Chairperson,

The ability of an FMCT to address proliferation challenges, including non-compliance by states with their international obligations in the nuclear domain, is yet to be established.

This holds especially true for the Middle East where several states have an exceptionally poor track record of compliance with their nuclear non-proliferation obligations.

It has been Israel's long standing position that the notion of an FMCT is subsumed in the concept of a WMDFZ in the Middle East, the essential prerequisites for which are far from being fulfilled.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.