Brazil voted in favor of draft resolution L.26, entitled "Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty" in light of our continuing support to the CTBT's integrity and entry into force as an important nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation measure.

We regret, however, the continued reference made in the draft resolution to Security Council Resolution 2310 (2016), which is counterproductive to the Treaty's entry into force and which unduly encroaches on the responsibilities of the PrepCom-CTBTO. For that reason, we abstained in the vote of PP4.

We hope to see this issue resolved in future editions of the resolution, in accordance with the widespread commitment to enhance and renew efforts for the entry into force of the CTBT and its consolidation as a stepping stone for a world free of nuclear weapons.

We also note with concern that PP8 of the resolution refers to the joint ministerial statement on the CTBT issued last September. Our Delegation did not associate itself with the joint statement, due to concerns with the lack of transparency and inclusiveness in its negotiation in Vienna. From a substantive point of view, we are disappointed that the text further distances itself from the content of the declarations of the Article XIV.
Conferences, which are consensual, and subject to extensive, open and inclusive negotiations. We note, in particular, the lack of references to the condemnation of the development of new nuclear weapons technologies, and the fact that the statement fails to refer to the CTBT as a "de facto international norm" against nuclear testing.