

L.38: Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and its Preparatory Committee

Explanation of Vote by Mr. T. P. Seetharam, Minister, Permanent Mission of India in Geneva on October 30, 2001

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation has requested the floor to explain its position after the vote on the Resolution. My delegation's views on the NPT are well known. The NPT remains discriminatory and has therefore proved to be inadequate and ineffective. The proliferation of nuclear weapons and delivery systems has continued unabated while the commitment under Article VI remains unimplemented.

The optimism, witnessed in some quarters at the outcome of the 2000 NPT Review Conference, has proved to be short-lived with "unequivocal undertakings" not being honoured. We have not seen any progress in the Conference on Disarmament, at commencing any substantive and meaningful negotiations on nuclear disarmament.

The Resolution under consideration seeks to welcome the Final Document of the 2000 NPT Review Conference that has made a number of unacceptable and unwarranted references to my country - a non-Party to the NPT - which my delegation rejects unequivocally in their entirety.

My delegation has, therefore, cast a negative vote on the Resolution.