

L.25: The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East

***Explanation of Vote by Mr. T. P. Seetharam, Minister, Permanent Mission of India
in Geneva on November 2, 2001***

Mr. Chairman,

The Indian delegation has requested the floor after the vote on the resolution contained in L.25. India has abstained on the resolution as a whole and cast a negative vote on PP6, which makes a reference to the Final Document of the 2000 NPT Review Conference on which our position is well known. Besides, we believe that the focus of this Resolution should necessarily be limited to the region it purports to address. India considers that the multifarious issues in this Resolution have received widespread consideration in the international community and hopes that it will be possible to make progress on the issues involved in the coming years, through positive contributions by the concerned States of the region.