

A55/C.1/L.41: Nuclear Disarmament

Explanation of Vote by Mr. J.S. Mukul, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of India in Geneva

on November 1, 2000

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation has requested the floor after the vote on this Resolution to state that my country, in view of its long-standing and unwavering commitment to nuclear disarmament and the elimination of nuclear weapons globally, has supported this Resolution in the past. We are, however, disappointed at the turn this Resolution has taken. This year, the Resolution has diluted a number of traditional, long held NAM and G-21 positions on nuclear disarmament, which my country fully supports. Further, our views regarding the NPT are well known. Therefore, we have called for and cast a negative vote on OP9, while abstaining on the Resolution as a whole.