

Explanation of Vote (after the vote) by Mr. Muktesh Pardeshi, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of India to CD, Geneva, on Agenda item 65(x): Nuclear Disarmament on 1 November 2004

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation has requested the floor to explain our vote on Resolution Nuclear disarmament as contained in L.26.

India has unwavering commitment to nuclear disarmament and the complete elimination of nuclear weapons. India was supportive of the Resolution until the year 2000, after which it incorporated references to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, on which my delegation's position is well known.

While we have abstained on this resolution, our vote does not detract in any manner from India's strong support for the longstanding positions of Non-aligned Movement and Group of 21 on nuclear disarmament, which we share with Myanmar and other sponsors of this Resolution.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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