



**Explanation of Vote after the vote By Mr. Jayant Prasad
Ambassador/PR of India to CD, Geneva, On Agenda item 65 (f) :
L.19/Rev.1 Mongolia's International Security and Nuclear-weapon-free
status 28 October 2004**

Mr. Chairman,

The resolution on Mongolia's international security and nuclear weapon-free status, adopted without a vote, has India's full support.

India's maintains the most friendly and fraternal ties with Mongolia and welcomes the many steps Mongolia has taken to reinforce its nuclear weapon-free status. We note that Mongolia has received support and security assurances for such status from Member States, particularly those that possess nuclear weapons. We note also that Mongolia is seeking to institutionalise, at the international level, the status of its territory as a nuclear weapon-free zone. India fully respects the choice made by Mongolia and is willing to respond, whenever required, with every possible support and commitment to Mongolia's nuclear weapon-free status.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.

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