

A55/C.1/L.40Rev.1: Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free-status

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

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after adoption of the resolution

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation has joined in the consensus on Resolution A/C.1/55/L.40/Rev.1 entitled "Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon free status" introduced by Mongolia and adopted without a vote. Mongolia - a country with which India has extremely close and friendly relations - enjoys a special and unique position, resulting in its quest for 'nuclear-weapon-free status'. In the pursuit of this objective, Mongolia has taken a number of concrete measures, including the adoption of national domestic legislation.

We acknowledge with appreciation and convey support to Mongolia's statement dated October 6, 2000 reaffirming its readiness to cooperate with all member States of the United Nations and relevant UN bodies in enhancing the effectiveness and strengthening the credibility of its nuclear-weapon-free status. India fully respects the choice made by Mongolia and extends its cooperation, support and commitments to Mongolia's nuclear-weapon-free status. We believe that in order to be effective and credible, security assurances should be unambiguous and internationally binding. We, therefore, also call upon all the member States of the United Nations, particularly those that possess nuclear weapons, to respond positively for the full realization and strengthening of Mongolia's nuclear-weapon-free status.