



Explanation of Vote after the vote By Mr. Ravi Prakash Verma, Member of Parliament and Member of Indian Delegation, On Agenda item 65 (j): L.46 Conventional arms control at the regional and sub-regional level 27 October 2004

Mr. Chairman,

We take the floor to explain India's vote against the Resolution on Conventional arms control at the regional and sub-regional levels.

The United Nations Disarmament Commission had adopted in 1993, by consensus, guidelines and recommendation for regional approaches to disarmament within the context of global security. We, therefore, do not agree that there we need, at this juncture, to formulate principles for a framework for regional arrangements.

Furthermore, India's security parameters extend beyond South Asia. A resolution that sets about applying regional security approaches to narrowly defined geographical regions are restrictive from our standpoint.

Finally, India cannot support the call on the Conference on Disarmament, a forum for negotiations of international instruments of global application, to consider the formulation of principles for a framework of regional arrangements on conventional arms control.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.

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