



Statement by Mr. Jayant Prasad, Ambassador & Permanent Representative of India to the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva, on Introduction of the resolution "Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction" in the First Committee of 59th UNGA on October 22, 2004

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to introduce the draft resolution on "Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction" contained in document A/C.1/59/L.31 and co-sponsored by Afghanistan, Armenia, Bhutan, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, France, Mauritius, Namibia, Nepal, Poland and Sri Lanka.

The resolution, first adopted in 2002, continued to command consensus support in 2003 both within the First Committee and the General Assembly.

It gives expression to shared concerns of the international community and calls upon Member States of the United Nations to take measures aimed at preventing terrorists from acquiring WMD. It underlines that the international response to the threat needs to be inclusive, multilateral and global. This approach has been widely endorsed, by the Non-Aligned Movement, the G-8, the European Union and most other regional organisations.

The resolution this year includes some technical updates. In particular, it takes note, in a new preambular paragraph 4, of the Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

The resolution has continuing relevance as an unambiguous statement from a body that is universal and democratic. The representative character of the General

Assembly validates and reinforces the commitments we assume as Member States in this regard.

I appeal to delegations of the First Committee to extend to this initiative an even wider measure of support than in the previous two years, through additional co-sponsorship of the resolution contained in document L.31. This will demonstrate a larger measure of involvement of the wider UN membership on this vital issue.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.

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