A55/C.1/L.29: The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East

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

on November 2, 2000

Mr. Chairman,

The Indian delegation has requested the floor after the vote on the resolution. India has abstained on the resolution as a whole and voted negative on PP6, which makes a reference to the Final Document of the 2000 NPT Review Conference on which our position is well known. Besides, we believe that the focus of this Resolution should necessarily be limited to the region it purports to address. India considers that the multifarious issues in this Resolution have received widespread consideration in the international community and hopes that progress will be enabled on the issues involved in the coming years through positive contributions by the concerned States of the region.