

A55/C.1/L.34 and A/55/C.1/L.53: Regional disarmament, and amendments proposed by Cameroon

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

The Indian delegation has requested the floor after the vote on the amendment contained in document L.53 and the Resolution in document L.34 entitled "Regional Disarmament" to state that we had joined the consensus on this Resolution last year and were prepared to do so this year also. However, we were surprised by the amendments in L.53 which were submitted at the final stage of taking action on various Resolutions during the work of the First Committee and without any prior consultations either by the sponsors of this Resolution or the authors of the amendment. My country's position on the substance of the amendments is well known. In 1993, the UNDC had adopted consensus Guidelines on the regional approaches to disarmament within the context of global security. We are not convinced about the amendment in L.53. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, my delegation has cast a negative vote on L.53 containing the amendments as well as on L.34 as a whole after it incorporated the amendments