

***A55/C.1/L/7: 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons***

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

***on October 25, 2000***

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**Mr. Chairman,**

**My delegation has requested the floor to explain its position after the vote on the Resolution. My delegation's views on the NPT are well known. The NPT remains both discriminatory and ineffective. It seeks to perpetuate a discriminatory non-proliferation regime, while turning a blind eye to reality. Further, the NPT has also proved to be inadequate and ineffective; the proliferation of nuclear weapons and delivery systems has continued unabated while Article VI remains unimplemented. In fact, the NPT nuclear weapon States have either been active collaborators in or silent spectators to continuing proliferation, including exports of nuclear weapon related components and technologies.**

**The Resolution seeks to welcome the Final Document of the 2000 NPT Review Conference that has made a number of completely unacceptable and totally unwarranted references to my country – a non-Party to the discriminatory NPT – which my delegation rejects unequivocally in their entirety.**

**Moreover, the optimism, even euphoria, witnessed in some quarters at the very outcome of the 2000 NPT Review Conference has proved to be short-lived and hollow, with no progress on the ground as witnessed in the Conference on Disarmament, where all attempts at even commencing any substantive and meaningful negotiations on nuclear disarmament have proved futile. My delegation obviously cannot be a party to this and has therefore cast a negative vote on the Resolution.**