STATEMENT BY INDONESIA ON BEHALF OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
AT THE INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF
ALL DRAFT RESOLUTIONS OR DECISIONS

Madam Chair,

Under the cluster of disarmament machinery, allow me to introduce the following draft resolutions on behalf of the NAM for the consideration of the Committee. The resolutions have been drafted with some technical up-dating from the previous resolutions under the same title.

First, a draft resolution on “Convening of the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament”, under agenda item 90 (dd), as contained in document L.4.

In accordance with resolution 59/71, adopted by the General Assembly on 3 December 2004, the open-ended working group on SSOD-IV was supposed to hold an organizational session and to be followed by its three substantive on the dates that have been scheduled for 2006.

However, due to the unavoidable circumstances at the time that the substantive session was to start, with the adoption of Decision 60/559 of 6 June 2006, the General Assembly decided to postpone the work of the open-ended working group on SSOD-IV to a later date.

In this context, the Heads of State or Government of the NAM at their Summit Conference held in Havana, Cuba, on 15-16 September 2006, has reiterated their support for the convening of the SSOD-IV and emphasized the need to reconvene the open-ended working group on SSOD-IV, at an early date, preferably in 2007. To reflect the decision by that Summit, we made some technical up-dating in PP.1, PP.5, OP.2 and OP.4 on the text.

The report of this OEWG would be submitted prior to the conclusion of the 61th Session of the General Assembly, at the latest in August 2007.

After having consultation with the Secretariat, by taking into account the calendar of other disarmament meetings, the tentative dates for the meetings of the OEWG, are as follows:

- The organizational session to be held on 12 February 2007;
- 1st session : 2-5 April 2007;
- 2nd session : 25-29 June 2007;
- 3rd session : 30 July – 3 August 2007;

According to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 as contained in document A/60/6 (Sect.4), meeting services have been allocated for the holding of the OEWG in 2007.

In our view, the convening of SSOD-IV is both timely and appropriate, based on the following reasons:

a. It can set the future course of action and a balanced approach to reach new consensus in arms control, disarmament, non-proliferation and related international security matters, including a comprehensive review of the disarmament machinery.
b. There is a need to address the existing and new threats to international peace and security in a comprehensive and transparent manner with the broad participation of all member states;

c. In view of unprecedented threat and challenges, concerted efforts under multilateral auspices which offer the only legitimate and lasting solutions has become imperative in which the United Nations should play a more effective role;

d. There is a general agreement among member states on the need to revitalize the disarmament machinery, such as the First Committee, the UNDC and the CD. They cannot afford to allow its agenda to remain deadlocked. Therefore, the disarmament agenda as contained in the Final Document of SSOD-I should be revived on an urgent basis.

We fully recognize that adequate preparation towards the convening of SSOD-IV is required. In this context, we believe that the OEWG substantive sessions are the appropriate forum to achieve this purpose. In this respect, we encourages all Member States to work closely and constructively to fully utilize the forthcoming substantive sessions of the OEWG which is mandated to consider the objectives and agenda of SSOD-IV, including the establishment of its Preparatory Committee (Prepcom).

Second, concerning draft resolution entitled “United Nations Regional Centres for Peace and Disarmament”, under agenda item 91 (c), as contained in document L.9, NAM underlines that the UN Regional Centres for Peace and Disarmament have been instrumental in promoting understanding and cooperation among States in their respective regions in the fields of peace, disarmament and development. The General Assembly continues its appeal to all Member States, as well as international governmental and non-governmental organizations, to make voluntary contributions to the Centres in order to strengthen, facilitate and implement their programmes and activities.

We hope that all delegations will once again be able to join us in rendering their support to the draft resolutions that my delegation has just introduced.

Thank you, Madam Chair.