Nigeria joined 165 countries to vote in favour of the resolution banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear devices during the 67th session of the UN GA.

Nigeria wishes to reiterate that while an FMCT could be an important qualitative disarmament measure, it should also be stressed that the potential of this resolution might not be fully realized, if the measures being considered are only limited to future production of fissile materials while neglecting the challenges of existing stocks.

Nigeria believes that the question and challenges of existing stocks of fissile materials should be included in the task assigned to the proposed GGE with a membership of twenty-five States chosen on the basis of equitable geographical representation as recommended in the resolution. In addition, we wish to underscore that the Group’s mandate could also include but not limited to: all fusion and fission devices, nuclear testing, enrichment, reprocessing, separation, purification and other related issues. We are of the strong view that a holistic approach to the consideration of these issues will further enrich the proposals and recommendations to be submitted to the Secretary-General, for onward transmission to the CD.