

**L.27 : Egypt: The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East.**

**Explanation of vote after the vote by Mr. Rakesh Sood,  
Permanent Representative of India to the Conference on Disarmament.  
October 27, 2002.**

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Mr. Chairman,  
India has abstained on the resolution as a whole and cast a negative vote on PP6 as it makes a reference to the final document of the Review Conference of the NPT held in 2000 – on which India's position is well known.

Further, we believe that it is necessary to limit the focus of this resolution to the region that it intends to address.

India considers that the multifarious issues in this resolution have received widespread consideration in the international community and we hope that it will be possible to make progress on the issues involved in the coming years, through positive contributions by the concerned States of the region

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