Mr. Chairman,

2. My delegation has the honour to introduce to this Committee the draft resolution entitled “Report of the Conference on Disarmament”.

3. As I have already elaborated on the work of the Conference for 2014 during the panel discussion on Disarmament Machinery yesterday, I will briefly introduce the draft resolution on the report of the CD. I would like to take this opportunity to extend Malaysia’s appreciation to all delegations for the constructive spirit and flexibility shown during the negotiations on the report as well as the draft resolution. It is my sincere hope that this draft resolution will be adopted without a vote, as it had been in the past.

4. This draft resolution is the outcome of extensive consultations which were concluded in Geneva. Despite a few challenging moments, the agreement from all delegations on the draft is proof of the strength of multilateralism in bridging the different views and positions. In my view, the resolution is a fair and balanced
reflection on the report of the CD in 2014. The main focus of the resolution remains the same as it has been in the previous session, with the necessary technical updates as well as additions which reflected the work of the CD this year.

5. One minor yet important change this year was the reference to the CD as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum. This change was to reflect accurately the term used in the final document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to Disarmament (SSOD-1) which as you are well aware, that established the Conference on Disarmament.

6. The resolution notes with concern that the CD was unable to commence substantive work, including negotiations this year despite the efforts of successive Presidents and Member States. It does however welcome the decision of the Conference to re-establish the Informal Working Group to produce a Programme of Work and the informal discussions on all items on the agenda under the Schedule of Activities. As I have highlighted yesterday, both mechanisms were seen as contributing positively to the work of the Conference.

7. The resolution also took note of the discussions on the functioning of the Conference in 2014, which was addressed by many delegations and the Acting Secretary-General himself. It continues to emphasise the importance of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), as a stand-alone, autonomous institution and recognises the importance of engagement between civil society and the CD.

8. With the CD being in a deadlock for more than a decade, the resolution calls upon the Conference to further intensify consultations with a view to the adoption and implementation of a balanced and comprehensive programme of work at the earliest possible date during the 2015 session. As the current President of the Conference, this will certainly be the focus of my consultation with the incoming President from Mexico during the intersessional period.
9. In concluding, let me reiterate my hope that the draft resolution on the report of the Conference on Disarmament can be adopted without a vote by the Committee.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.