

**STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR SAVITRI KUNADI IN THE PLENARY MEETING
OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT IN GENEVA, AUGUST 11, 1998**

Mr. President, we welcome the establishment of an ad hoc committee on FMCT in the Conference on Disarmament today. With regard to this ad hoc committee, I wish to state the following for the record.

On 11 May, India stated its willingness to “participate in the negotiations for the conclusion of a Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty in the Geneva-based Conference on Disarmament”. India has been fully supportive of the mandate contained in the UNGA resolution 48/75L, a resolution which it co-sponsored. Our support for the mandate contained in this resolution was reiterated in 1995, following the adoption of CD/1299. While remaining ready to work on the basis of the mandate contained in CD/1299, let me make it clear again that India will participate constructively in negotiations for non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning future production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.”