

## Israel

The State of Israel reiterates its explanation of vote to resolution 77/38 entitled **"Establishment of a nuclear- weapon free zone in the region of the Middle East"**, adopted by the General Assembly on December 7<sup>th</sup> 2022, made in the First Committee of the 77<sup>th</sup> GA (dated October 28<sup>th</sup> 2022).

It took a long time and considerable international efforts to reach past consensus on L.1 resolution on the "Establishment of a Nuclear Weapon Free Zone in the Region of the Middle East".

Even though Israel had its own deep reservations on the language and modalities of this resolution, which have been voiced every year in our EOPs, Israel supported this resolution for the sake of the consensus, as Israel's consistent approach was always constructive and consensus oriented.

It is very unfortunate that this long-standing practice was broken by the Arab group. By imposing a new unilateral and destructive resolution in 2018 entitled "Convening a Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction", the Arab group has altered the status quo and forced Israel to disassociate itself from the subject resolution.