Mr. President,

Proceeding from the mandate given by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe for the period from May to November 2014, I have the honour to introduce, on behalf of co-sponsors, draft resolution L.69/L.27, entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe".

In addition to the sponsors listed in the document, the following countries have joined the list: Andorra, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Malta, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Sweden and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Since its first adoption by the General Assembly in 2000, the draft resolution has been developing as a reflection of strengthening cooperation between the two organizations. Over the years this collaboration has further deepened creating more opportunities for synergies and partnerships in areas of common interest.

The draft presented today contains some updates with regard to the work undertaken by the Council since the adoption of resolution A/Res/67/83, while recognizing its important role and contribution to the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms, the promotion of democracy and strengthening the rule of law through its standards, principles and monitoring mechanisms, as well as to the effective implementation of relevant international legal instruments.

The draft also acknowledges the importance of the work of the Council in a broader context and growing interest to its activities aimed at enhancing
dialogue and co-operation between international and regional mechanisms. Focusing on its core values, the Council has also contributed to the enhancement of stability, social cohesion and cultural diversity within and beyond the region.

The Council of Europe remains committed to the promotion of its objectives around its three key pillars—human rights, democracy and the rule of law and stands ready for dialogue and cooperation to advancing its core values and achieve greater synergy between the United Nations and the Council of Europe.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all members of the Council of Europe for their cooperation and support extended to us during our chairmanship and all other delegations for their constructive approach and contribution to the discussions on the draft resolution enabling us to arrive to an agreement on the text.

Thank you.