



AGENCY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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Resolution of the Council

**Nuclear test conducted by the
Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 8 September 2016**

The Council of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling that the Treaty of Tlatelolco established the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Latin America and the Caribbean on 14 February 1967, a significant contribution to preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons and an invaluable instrument in favour of nuclear disarmament and the consolidation of a world at peace, based on the sovereign equality of States, mutual respect, and good neighbourliness;

Reiterating the commitment of States Parties to the Treaty to keep their territories forever free from nuclear weapons, and the commitment to use nuclear energy exclusively for peaceful purposes, for the welfare and development of their peoples;

Reaffirming that the mere existence of nuclear weapons and their potential use or threat of use constitute a constant threat to humankind and that their use would have catastrophic consequences for life on Earth;

Condemning the conduct of any type of nuclear weapons tests anywhere in the world;

Stressing that nuclear tests hinder global efforts towards disarmament and non-proliferation;

Noting that 24 September 2016 will mark the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), of which all OPANAL Member States are signatories;

Recalling with concern that the only nuclear tests conducted after the conclusion of the CTBT have been those by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea;

Taking into account Resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013) and 2094 (2013) of the United Nations Security Council on the nuclear tests conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea;

Recalling its Resolutions C/Res.50, adopted on 2 June 2009; C/Res.55, adopted on 4 April 2013; and C/Res.01, adopted on 18 January 2016, which condemned the nuclear tests conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 25 May 2009, 12 February 2013, and 6 January 2016;

Decides:

1. **To condemn** the new nuclear-weapon test conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 8 September 2016, which represents a threat to peace, security and stability in the Korean Peninsula and in the world.
2. **To reiterate** its strongest repudiation of the conduct of any type of nuclear weapon tests anywhere in the world.
3. **To urge** the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to sign without delay the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) and to rejoin the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) as a non-nuclear-weapon state.

4. **To demand** that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea return to the safeguards regime of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) as a confidence-building measure for the Korean peninsula and the international community.

5. **To instruct** the Secretariat to circulate this Resolution to the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, to OPANAL Member States, to the United Nations Organization, to the Preparatory Commission of the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO), to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and to other related international organizations.