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Resolution

External Relations of OPANAL

The General Conference,

Bearing in mind Article 9, paragraph 2, section g, and Article 20 of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean – Treaty of Tlatelolco, which refer to the relations of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) with Governments and other international organizations and agencies, establishing specific competence of the General Conference on the matter,

Considering also Articles 13, 16 and 19 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco on the specific relation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA),

Recalling the Resolutions of the General Conference on external relations of OPANAL (15-I and 16-I of 1969, 3-IE of 1972, 95-V of 1977, 413-XVII of 2001, 450-XVIII of 2003, 514 and 517 of 2009, 538 of 2011),

Recalling in particular Resolutions CG/554 – “Strategic Agenda of OPANAL” and CG/Res.563 – “Urgent Need for General and Complete Nuclear Disarmament”, both adopted at the XXIII Regular Session in 2013,

Having received the Report of the Secretary-General (Doc. CG/03/2015), the Report of the Activities of the Council in 2015 (Doc. C/18/2015), and the Memorandum of the Secretary-General on External Relations of OPANAL (Doc. CG/11/2015),

Reaffirming the Special Declarations of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) on “nuclear disarmament” and “the urgent need for a nuclear weapon free world”, adopted in 2014 and 2015, respectively,

Reaffirming also the “Proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace” adopted at the II CELAC Summit, held on 28-29 January 2014 in Havana, Cuba, in which the role of OPANAL is highlighted,

Recalling that CELAC, in the Havana Declaration, at its II Summit in 2014, designated OPANAL as “the specialized body in the region for articulating common positions and joint actions on nuclear disarmament”;

Resolves:

1. **To invite** the CELAC Pro-Tempore Presidency
 - a. to consider the possible inclusion of texts contained in OPANAL documents and declarations in the preparation of declarations and other CELAC documents on disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons,
 - b. to evaluate the proposals that OPANAL may address to it in the preparation of the statement of CELAC at the general debate of the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly,
2. **To urge** the CELAC Pro-Tempore Presidency to make possible the participation of OPANAL in CELAC Summits and specialized meetings on disarmament; and, in this regard, **to request** that the Member States of OPANAL, through their National Coordinators, consider the participation of OPANAL.
3. **To instruct** the Secretary-General
 - a. to participate in the Open-Ended Working Group established through Resolution “Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations”, adopted by the First Committee of the LXX United Nations General Assembly,
 - b. to study ways of developing the relationship of OPANAL with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs and the International Atomic Energy Agency, based on the mandates adopted by the Member States.
4. **To instruct** the Council to prepare the first draft of the triennial Resolution “Consolidation of the Regime Established in the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco)” to be adopted at the LXXI United Nations General Assembly.
5. **To invite** the Council to elaborate a plan to establish more frequent and dynamic contact with the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones and Mongolia.
6. **To instruct** the Secretary-General to transmit this resolution to the leaders of the international organizations with which OPANAL maintains relations, as well as to the focal points of the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones.