



# OPANAL GENERAL CONFERENCE XXIII Regular Sessions 21-22 August 2013 Buenos Aires, Argentina

## **RESOLUTION CG/Res.560**

# CREATION AND RESTRUCTURING OF OPANAL SPECIAL FUNDS

## The General Conference,

**Considering** that Article 5 of the Financial Regulations states that "the General Conference may establish any Special Funds required by the Agency for other purposes, as well as mechanisms for their management and use";

**Considering** the provisions of Article 12 of the Financial Regulations adopted by its Resolution CG/Res.391 (XVI-99), the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters (CCAAP) is given wide faculties to assist the Secretary General in any administrative and budgetary matters of OPANAL;

**Taking into account** the proposal and request that the Secretary-General submitted to the Council and CCAAP in the "Memorandum of the Secretary-General relating to resources for OPANAL Special Funds" (SG.26.2013) to renew the assets of the Agency and to design an investment plan for these purposes to start in 2016; as well as to ensure sufficient resources for the Agency's education and outreach programmes;

**Having received** the recommendations of CCAAP and the Council concerning the aforementioned proposal, to be submitted to the General Conference; as well as the positive opinion of the Working-Group on the Analysis and Review of the Financial Regulations of the Agency contained in its activity report (SG.29.2013) which is submitted to the General Conference;

**Recalling** that education and outreach activities are a priority in the revitalization process of the Agency and the consolidation of the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Latin America and the Caribbean, and are also consistent with the Strategic Agenda of OPANAL;

**Observing** that the Agency needs to improve physical working conditions to ensure better working conditions for its officers, and thus they can fulfil their tasks,

#### **Resolves:**

- 1. **To agree** to create the "Asset Renewal Fund" (FERA) to carry out the 2014-2015 investment plan for the optimal functioning of the Secretariat General. **To authorise** a transfer of US\$43,400.00 from the Reserve Fund to the FERA.
- 2. **To authorise** the restructuring of the Fund for the Promotion of Nuclear Energy for Peaceful Purposes (FUPEN), which from now on will be called "Education and Outreach Fund" (FED). **To** also **authorise** a transfer of US\$20,000.00 from the Reserve Fund to the FED to meet the needs of the 2014 education and outreach programmes.
- 3. **To instruct** the Secretary-General to include in OPANAL FY2016 Draft Budget, the annual resource estimate for the future renewal of the Agency's assets, this would be transferred to FERA at the end of each fiscal year. This is all under the assumption that Member States will continue to adopt annual single-digit increases in the Agency's Budget, at least in 2015 and 2016.

- 4. **To request** the Secretary-General to submit to the General Conference at its next session the needs in education for 2015, in order to be analysed by OPANAL Organs and, if necessary, to submit them for the consideration of the General Conference at its 2014 session.
- 5. **To request** the Secretary General to report to the General Conference, at its 2014 session, about the execution of these funds and the results obtained from them.
- 6. **To thank** the Council and CCAAP for their efforts and commitment to the improvement of the financial conditions of the Agency, contributing to the achievement of the results suggested in the Strategic Agenda of OPANAL.
- 7. **To request** the Secretariat General to inform all Member States about the content of this Resolution.

(Adopted at the 115<sup>th</sup> Session held on 22 August 2013)