



COUNCIL

**REPORT BY MEXICO AS THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
IN CHARGE OF THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF OPANAL**

FROM SEPTEMBER 1 TO OCTOBER 31

In accordance with Resolution C/Res.43 “Interim Functions of the Council in view of the Resignation of the Secretary General,” approved at the 51st Special Session of the Council on June 28, 2007, Mexico occupied the rotating presidency of the Council from September 1, to October 31. The following is a report of the activities undertaken during the months of September and October.

I. Collection of Contributions

1. Payments were received from:

Antigua and Barbuda	\$ 5,000.00 USD (20/IX/07)
Grenada	\$ 5,990.00 USD (18/IX/07)
Suriname	\$16,637.35 USD (19/X/07)
Panama	\$ 3,918.00 USD (22/X/07)
Nicaragua	\$ 1,200.00 USD (26/X/07)
Antigua and Barbuda	\$ 5,000.00 USD (29/X/07)
TOTAL	\$37,745.35 USD

II. Correspondence Sent

1. Receipt was acknowledged of a letter from Mr. Péricles Gasparini, Director of UN-LIREC, in which he reiterated the support of the United Nations for strengthening nuclear-weapon-free zones and OPANAL.

2. Letters of congratulation were sent to Antigua and Barbuda, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on their national holidays.
3. A letter was sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Suriname via fax and mail containing information about the country's debts.
4. Receipt was acknowledged of an invitation to the event commemorating the International Day of Peace organized by AMISRAEL, and OPANAL informed that it would be unable to attend the event.
5. At the request of the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, three paintings by artist Ernesto León that had been lent to OPANAL in 2002 were returned.
6. Notification was sent to the H. Directorate General of Protocol of the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs containing the original document of the cancellation of the franchise of Ambassador Vargas Carreño's automobile.
7. Receipt was acknowledged of the presentation of credentials of Ambassador Roy Chaderton-Matos by the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
8. A diplomatic note was sent to H.E. Mr. Reinaldo Gargano, Minister of Foreign Relations of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay regarding the Presidential Decree on the payment of contributions in arrears for the years 2000 to 2005.
9. A note was sent to H.E. Mrs. Adriana Mejía Hernández, Minister of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Colombia, acknowledging receipt of her letter to Ambassador Vargas Carreño acknowledging receipt of his letter informing of his resignation.
10. Acknowledgment of receipt was sent to the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs for compliance with Article 14 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.
11. A diplomatic note convening the 68th Session of the CCAAP was sent.
12. Diplomatic notes convening the 52nd Special Session and the 230th Regular Session of the Council were sent.
13. The minutes of the 229th Session of the Council were distributed to the Member States.
14. Acknowledgement of receipt was sent to the Embassy of Uruguay of the note informing that Dr. Carlos Barañano will attend the meetings of OPANAL as an observer. The Member States were informed of same in Document S/Inf.962.
15. Acknowledgement of receipt of payments by Antigua and Barbuda and Grenada were sent.
16. A note was sent to INFONAVIT requesting the devolution of contributions made to said Institute due to the disability of OPANAL employee Mr. Rafael Jardón Huerta.
17. Acknowledgement of receipt of a packet of documents was sent to the CTBTO.

18. Acknowledgement of receipt of an invitation from the IAEA to attend the General Conference was sent.
19. Acknowledgement of receipt was sent to FLACSO regarding the establishment of a joint working program.
20. Acknowledgement of receipt of the Specific Agreement with the University of Malaga duly signed by the University's rector was sent.
21. Diplomatic note S-17743 was sent to the States Parties, convening the XX Regular Session of the General Conference and included the Agenda, Organization of Work, and Draft Resolutions CG/L.517 "Designation of the Deputy Secretary General. Transition Period" and CG/L. 518 "Discount Program for the payment of contributions. Contingency/Emergency Fund." Resolution C/Res.44 "Fulfillment of the Responsibilities of the Secretary General. Notification of the XX Regular Session of the General Conference," in English and Spanish was also attached.
22. The diplomatic note convening the XX Regular Session of the General Conference was sent via fax to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations of the countries of the Caribbean.
23. A letter was sent to Mr. Elías David Morales Martínez informing him of the steps to follow in order to obtain a visa to come to OPANAL and conduct his doctoral dissertation.
24. An Answer was sent to Mr. Juan Camilo Herrera, assistant to the Constitutional Court of Colombia, requesting information about organizations, collectives or personnel in the Republic of Colombia that oppose the implementation of nuclear weapons.
25. A notice of the contributions collected for the third quarter was sent to the Member States.
26. Notice of the convening of the 69th Session of the CCAAP (25/X/07) and the 231st Session of the Council (26/X/07) was sent.
27. The Minutes from the 52nd Special Session of the Council and the 68th Session of the CCAAP were distributed.
28. Acknowledgement of receipt of bank check number 0029152 from the National Bank of Panama for the payment of that country's contribution for 2007 was sent.
29. Acknowledgement of receipt of payment by Suriname was sent.
30. Acknowledgement of receipt was sent to the Embassy of Ecuador for its support for the candidate of the Government of Mexico for the post of Deputy Secretary General.
31. Acknowledgement of receipt was sent for the invitation to the Conference of the States parties to the OPCW to be held from November 5 to 9 in The Netherlands.
32. Acknowledgement of receipt was sent to the Nicaraguan Embassy in Mexico for the payment of 2007 dues.

33. Diplomatic note S-17771 was sent to the Member States to which the documents of the XX Regular Session of the General Conference of OPANAL were attached.

III. Payments Made

1. "Maintenance" fees were paid for the office space occupied by the Agency at the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for the months of September and October.
2. Employee salaries for the months of September and October.
3. Payments were made to Teléfonos de México, Marcatel, Iusacell, the Mexican Institute of Social Security, September and October.
4. Annual payment for website hosting.
5. Replenishment of petty cash.
6. Purchase of stationary for the XX Regular Session of the General Conference.
7. Purchase of toner and staples for the photocopier.
8. Cash flow tables showing account activity in US dollars and Mexican pesos during the months of September and October for the apportionment of the Agency's expenses are attached hereto.

IV. Invitations Received by OPANAL

1. Note of thanks to H.E. Mr. Luis Camilo Osorio, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Colombia in Mexico, for the invitation to the Forum "Security Basis for Progress in Colombia and Mexico."
2. Senator Santiago Creel Miranda, President of the Mexican Senate, invited the current President of the Council to a reception offered for the Diplomatic Corps accredited in Mexico.
3. The Center for International Studies of the Colegio de México sent an invitation to attend the International Seminar: "Mexico, National Security at a Crossroads" to be held on September 25 and 26.
4. The Secretariat of Foreign Relations of Mexico and the Colegio de México sent an invitation to attend the Colloquium commemorating the 15th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Mexico and the Holy See, which will take place on October 3.
5. The Ambassador of the Republic of Korea sent an invitation to Ambassador Vargas Carreño to attend a reception celebrating its National Holiday on October 2.
6. The Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey invited Ambassador Vargas Carreño to attend the celebration of the 84th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Republic of Turkey on October 29.
7. The Embassy of Spain sent an invitation to attend a reception celebrating its National Holiday on October 12.

8. The Ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria extended an invitation to attend the celebration of the 53rd Anniversary of the Initiation of the Fight for Independence to be held on October 30.

Cash flow tables for the accounts in US dollars and Mexican pesos covering the months of September and October for the apportionment of the Agency's expenses are attached hereto.