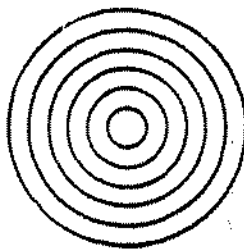


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COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS

The General Conference,

Taking into account Resolution 289 (E-VI), expresses its concern over the current amount of contributions pending collection;

Considering also the Memorandum of the Secretary General (CG/401) on this matter;

Taking into account that said Memorandum states that, the debts owed by Member States to the Agency have, in fact, made it impossible to pay the salaries of the Agency's staff;

Deeply shocked that the Secretary General has had to resort to the extraordinary faculty of using the Staff Pensions and Retirement Fund, in view of the lack of economic resources;

Considering further that the activities of the Secretary General, in complying with the tasks stipulated by the Treaty and those assigned to him by the General Conference, have been restricted due to the lack of funds;

Concerned that the Agency can barely comply with the obligations laid down in the Treaty and those arising from the Resolutions of the General Conference due to the scarcity of funds caused by the lack of timely payment of the contributions assigned to Member States;

Concerned also because the absence of the Agency at important international meetings could be interpreted as negligence on the part of the Region, as regards international peace and security;

Considering that, from an economic standpoint, the contributions of Member States constitute an insignificant part of their Gross Domestic Product;

Bearing in mind that any military imbalance in the Region would imply a cost, not only higher, but infinitely greater than its contribution to OPANAL;

Convinced that the creation of the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Latin America and the Caribbean, not only represents a political achievement in the fight for disarmament, but also constitutes an initial step in overcoming the technological lag that is certain to affect the Region's access to the modern world;

Aware that a real effort, and not merely good will, is needed to secure economic and social benefits for the area,

Resolves:

1. **To urgently call upon** Member States that are currently in arrears in the payment of their contributions to the Agency, to cover their debts as soon as possible.
2. **To request** the Secretary General to continue making efforts to secure the payment of pending contributions and to inform the Council on the results of this task on a regular basis.
3. **To confer to the Council of the Agency the faculty of calling the attention of Member States that do not meet their financial obligations to the Agency.**
4. **To request** Member States that compose the Committee on Contributions and Budgetary Matters, to continue supporting the efforts of the Secretary General to regularize the collection of pending contributions.
5. **To urge** Member States with contributions pending for more than two years, to draw up a specific schedule of payments with the Secretary General, in order to cover their debts.
6. **To stress** the benefit resulting from the consolidation of an ongoing peace to avoid squandering the limited resources of Member States on nuclear weapons.

7. To recall that, the example set by Latin America and the Caribbean in the configuration of international security has begun to bear fruit, first, with the Treaty of Rarotonga, and now, with the possibility of establishing similar Zones both in Africa and in the Middle East.

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