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**ANNUAL OPANAL PRIZE FOR THE BEST THESIS SUBMITTED
BY ALUMNI OF THE UNIVERSITIES OF THE MEMBER STATES
AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES**

The General Conference,

Taking into consideration the growing interest on the part of alumni of the universities of Member States and other parties interested in the topic, on the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Latin America and the Caribbean and the creation of other similar zones in other inhabited zones of the planet;

Considering that it is necessary to promote such interest through tokens of appreciation and special prizes for academic papers presented on the topic in universities of the Member States;

Recalling that academic circles are the seedbeds of those who in future shall continue the aim and the work stemming from both the Treaty of Tlatelolco and the decisions of the General Conference,

Resolves:

1. **To approve** the creation of an annual OPANAL award for the best thesis presented by alumni of universities of the Member States and other interested parties, including its publication and distribution.
2. **To request** the Secretary General to set the bases for evaluating said works and submit them to the Council for its consideration and approval.
3. **To request** the Member States of the Council and the Secretary General, as the award committee, to select the winner of said prize.
4. **To request** the Secretary General to inform the Member States, who in turn shall inform the universities in their countries of the corresponding convocation.

5. **To set** 14 February as the date for awarding the corresponding prize.
6. **To approve** the amount of the prize at US\$2,000.
7. **To award** honorable mentions to other relevant works presented in addition to the prize-winning thesis.

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