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GENERAL CONFERENCE  
Fifteenth Regular Session  
Tlatelolco, Mexico City, 10 July 1997.

## RESOLUTION CG/Res.363(XV)

### REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

#### **The General Conference,**

**Recalling** that Article 9 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco establishes that the General Conference shall hold regular sessions every two years and may also hold special sessions whenever the Treaty so provides, or, in the opinion of the Council, the circumstances so require;

**Taking into consideration** that Article 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference stipulates that the latter shall hold regular sessions every two years on the third Wednesday of April;

**Bearing in mind** that due to varying circumstances, on some occasions it has not been possible to comply strictly with the date established for holding regular sessions in Article 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;

**Considering** that the Provisional Agenda for each regular session must also include the Reports of the Secretary General and of the Council to the Conference, others regarding the budget for the following fiscal period, and the Report on accounts corresponding to the previous fiscal period;

**Taking into account** that paragraph 3 of Article 9 of the Treaty stipulates that the General Conference shall adopt the Agency's budget and fix the scale of financial contributions to be paid by the Member States;

**Considering in this regard** that the General Conference established a Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters, formed by 5 Member States, one of whose important functions is to assist the Secretary General in preparing the draft budget to be submitted to the General Conference by the Secretary General;

**Bearing in mind** the difficulty of preparing a Draft Budget that must necessarily be prepared during the first months of each fiscal biennium for examination and presentation to the General Conference;

**Considering also** the advisability of providing the Secretariat with more time to prepare said Draft Budget so that it is more in keeping with up-to-date economic variables in the host country and the world in general;

**Taking into account** that the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters must also have the time needed to assist the Secretary General in fulfilling his functional duties;

**Emphasizing** the virtually complete universalization of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and its increasingly active participation in matters of global interest related to disarmament and non-nuclear proliferation;

**Noting** that the International Agenda for Disarmament and its different annual activities requires the presence and/or coordination of OPANAL in topics within its sphere of competence,

**Resolves:**

1. **To modify** Article 1 of its Rules of Procedure to be read as follows:

"Art. 1 The General Conference shall hold regular sessions every two years during the month of November."

(Adopted at the 86th Session,  
held on 10 July 1997)