



XVI Regular Session of the General Conference
Lima, Peru, 30 November and 1st December 1999.

RESOLUTION CG/Res. 387

THE LIMA APPEAL

The General Conference,

The “Lima Appeal ” having been approved by the Members States of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) and the Parties to the Treaty of Tlatelolco, during its XVI Regular Session of the General Conference held in Lima, Peru, on November 30th - December 1st 1999,

Resolves:

To request that the Secretary General of OPANAL execute the corresponding actions in order for the “Lima Appeal” to be distributed as an official document for the Session of the Millennium General Assembly of the United Nations.

(Approved at the 90th Session
held on November 30, 1999)

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The Member States of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL), during the XVI Ordinary Session of the General Conference held in Lima, Peru from November 30th to December 1st 1999:

Aware:

That Latin America and the Caribbean is the first densely populated region in the world that has consolidated its political will to prohibit nuclear weapons, through the full compliance of the Treaty of Tlatelolco;

That Nuclear Weapon Free Zones represent an important means to reach further, general and complete disarmament under reliable international control;

Convinced:

That the current context offer us the appropriate opportunity to prohibit and eradicate forever the nuclear weapons, the international community must begin the third millennium with the commitment to move towards such an objective, following a legitimate aspiration of humankind;

That no effort towards a complete an immediate prohibition of the use or manufacture of nuclear weapons or towards preventing its proliferation, will have the result sought by the international community if it is not manifested in the general will from the countries who possess nuclear weapons and those who do not;

Make an appeal to International Community:

With the purpose of creating an international public awareness in order to advance in every field of action towards a complete prohibition of the use and manufacture of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction; and particularly to the nuclear powers for the adoption of the political will that constitutes their firm commitment to the total destruction and prohibition of such weapons, in accordance with the text and the spirit of Resolution 808 (IX) unanimously approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations, and following the concern expressed by the International

Community that is reflected in Resolution 53/77 “Y” “Towards a nuclear weapons free world: the need for a new agenda” dated December 4, 1998.

We also appeal to the world community to follow the example of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, Pelindaba, Bangkok and Rarotonga, to join their decisions and political will towards the creation of new Nuclear Weapon Free Zones in other inhabited regions of the planet.