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RESOLUTION CG/RES. 418
THE STRENGTHENING OF OPANAL

The General Conference,

Being aware of the importance of the Treaty of Tlatelolco as an example to motivate and promote other Nuclear Weapon Free Zones in the world, the main purpose of which is to eliminate the nuclear threat through non-proliferation and disarmament;

Taking into account Resolutions 339 (E-X), 358 (XV), and 368 (E-XII), relative to the mandate received by the Council and the Secretariat General of the Agency to continue the study in order to promote measures and actions destined to strengthen OPANAL;

Having examined the Memorandum of the Secretary General (Doc.CG/536) on the Strengthening of OPANAL,

Resolves:

1. **To request** the Secretary General of the Agency, with the approval of the Council, to prepare a proposal containing the specific objectives for holding an international conference of the parties of the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones (NWFZs); and establish contacts with the authorities of other NWFZs in order to express interest in holding said conference and ascertain their opinion; as well as the presentation to the Council of a report on the development of the contacts made regarding the issue.
2. **To instruct** the Secretary General to draft a program that shall continue and increase the exchange of information and experience with other NWFZs, in which areas of common interest are identified, in particular regarding the prohibition of nuclear testing, non-proliferation, nuclear

disarmament, and if appropriate, the establishment of cooperation programs within the areas of competence that the Treaty of Tlatelolco assigns to OPANAL.

3. **To exhort** the Secretary General to identify and submit for the consideration of the Council proposals for the promotion of common steps that could be presented to the authorities of other NWFZs.
4. **To request** the Secretary General to draft, as soon as possible, a program for the strengthening of OPANAL as an institution that includes the support of a small professional group in order to increase the analytical capacity of the Agency in the field of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation and optimize the quality of the documentation.

To instruct the Secretary General to present to the Council with proposed agreements of cooperation with the Secretariat General of the United Nations for the assigning of analysts from the Department of Disarmament Affairs and the UN Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament, and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean for the purposes of the studies that the Council requests.

To authorize the Secretary General to invite the States Parties to support, to the extent that their means allow, the Agency by designating national specialists in the field.

To urge the Secretary General to continue maintaining the exchange of information with non-governmental organizations on issues of interest to OPANAL that, with the approval of the Council, he considers pertinent for presentation to the Member States of the Agency, in accordance with Article 11 (5) of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.

5. **To strengthen** even more the relations with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and request to the Secretary General to meet with the authorities of that Agency, regarding the functioning of the Control System established by the Treaty of Tlatelolco in light of its most recent amendments and present to the Council a report on the possibility and appropriateness of updating the Cooperation Agreement signed by both parties in October 1972.

To instruct the Secretary General to establish contact with the authorities of the Regional Cooperative Agreement for the Advancement of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (ARCAL) in order to exchange information about the cooperation projects within the competencies of OPANAL.

6. **To instruct** the Secretary General to draft a program of work to reinforce cooperation with other regional organizations as well as those in the region, like the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC), based on objectives in harmony with the purposes of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and that take the financial consequences for the Agency's budget into account.
7. **To request** the Secretary General to draft a program of work to develop and strengthen OPANAL's relations with the new international agencies created to supervise disarmament, non-proliferation, and arms control measures anywhere in the world, in accordance with Article 20 of the Treaty. The program should be based on clear objectives that are in harmony with the purposes of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.
8. **To exhort** the Secretary General to present to the Council a detailed program with the objectives and purposes of his participation at international fora and organizations, as well as the reports and results of said activities. His participation should be based on objectives in harmony with the purposes of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and take the financial consequences for the Agency's budget into account.
9. **To encourage** the Secretary General to continue undertaking activities and programs in harmony with the purposes of the Treaty of Tlatelolco that are not specifically mentioned in the budget, based on funding from new sources, with the prior approval of the Council, without implying a decrease in the Agency's autonomy.
10. **To instruct** the Secretary General to inform all Member States about the content of this Resolution.

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held on November 30, 2001)