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**RESOLUTION CG/RES. 420**  
**PREVENTION OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION OF THE MARINE**  
**ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE**  
**TREATY OF TLATELOLCO**

**The General Conference,**

**Taking into account** the Memorandum of the Secretary General (Doc. CG/535) relating to the issue of the “Prevention of Radioactive Contamination of the Marine Environment within the Framework of the Treaty of Tlatelolco”;

**Bearing in mind that** the Secretary General of OPANAL, by mandate of the General Conference (Resolution 357-XV), presented to the Member States Resolution A.748 (18) of the International Maritime Organization, approving the Code for the Safe Carriage of Irradiated Nuclear Fuel, Plutonium and High-level Radioactive Wastes in Flasks on Board Ships, requesting the opinion of the Member States regarding technical and legal measures for the prevention of radioactive contamination of the marine environment within the Zone of application of the Treaty of Tlatelolco;

**Recalling paragraph 26** of the Declaration of Santiago issued at the XV Presidential Summit of the Rio Group held on August 17 and 18, 2001, which reads: “We express our concern about the transit of radioactive material and hazardous wastes near the coasts or along navigable courses of member countries, in view of the risks of damaged involved and the harmful effects for the health of coastal populations and for the ecosystems of the marine and Antarctic environment. ... We reaffirm our commitment to strengthen the international regime on the safety of the transport of radioactive material with the view to achieving more effective legal regulation in this respect”;

**Taking into account** the opinion of the Secretary General in his Memorandum to the General Conference (Doc. CG/535) of the fundamental relevance of this issue and having only received 14

replies from the Member States, it is very difficult to reach final conclusions to this respect,

**Resolves:**

1. **To invite** the Member States to participate at the different international fora with the purpose of improving the international measures and regulations regarding the transportation of radioactive materials and harmonize the regional and national legislations regarding this issue.
2. **To instruct** the Secretary General to request the International Organizations specialized in this issue (*Inter alia* IAEA, IMO, UNEP) information about the technical and legal measures to efficiently prevent the radioactive contamination of the marine environment.
3. **To request** the Secretary General to transmit to the Member States the text of this Resolution and to inform the Council of OPANAL about the opinions received.
4. **To exhort** the Governments of the Member States that have not done so, to express their opinions on the technical and legal measures to efficiently prevent the radioactive contamination of the marine environment within the Zone of application of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.
5. **To request** the Council of OPANAL, in light of the replies of the Member States, to recommend to the General Conference, the steps to be taken regarding this issue.

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held on November 30, 2001)