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XIX Regular Session of the General Conference  
Agenda Item 18 b)  
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**APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR**  
**MEMORANDUM OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL**

1. The Secretary General of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean informed the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters (CCAAP) of the expiration of the contract with the External Auditing Firm “Muñoz, Gómez, Hernández, Consultores de Negocios, S. de R.L. de S.C.” whose functions are derived from Article 76 of the current Regulations of the General Conference and regulated by Articles 14 and 15 of the Financial Regulations.
2. In fulfillment of the strict mandate from the General Conference, the CCAAP conducted a detailed evaluation of the Certification of the Agency Accounts, contained in the reports provided by the External Auditing Firm.
3. The Auditing Firm was appointed by Resolution CG/Res. 427 (XVII) for the period from 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2005 and therefore shall present a Certification of Accounts for 2005 to the General Conference.
4. In strict observation of the CCAAP's authority, the Mexican Delegation, in its role as President, took upon itself the task to find a new Auditing Firm to conduct OPANAL's external audits.
5. The President submits for the consideration of the General Conference the following list of auditing firms headquartered in Mexico City for appointment: a) Carlos Angeles Moreno, b) Arroyo, San Pedro y Asoc., S.C. and c) BDO Hernández Marrón y Cía., S.C.,

6. Having reviewed the professional track record and the proposed honoraria, the President of the CCAAP respectfully recommends to the Council and the General Conference the Firm BDO Hernández Marrón y Cía., S.C., to conduct OPANAL's external audits