



**AGENCY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS
IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

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**CONSOLIDATION OF THE NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN LATIN
AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The General Conference,

Highlighting the fact that the Treaty of Tlatelolco, which is in force in all thirty three Sovereign States of Latin America and the Caribbean, originated the first nuclear-weapon-free zone established in a highly populated region;

Reaffirming that the establishment of the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Latin America and the Caribbean (NWFZ) constitutes a firm demonstration of the commitment of the region to total and verifiable nuclear disarmament and to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons;

Recalling that in 1990, 1991 and 1992 this General Conference approved and opened for signature three Amendments to the Treaty of Tlatelolco¹, with the aim to achieve full entry into force of this instrument; so far, several States have not yet signed and/or ratified some amendments;

Taking into consideration that the signing and ratification of the Convention on Prerogatives and Immunities of the Agency is fundamental to its good progress and the proper performance of its functions; and the fact that some Member States of the NWFZ have not yet signed it and/or ratified it;

¹ See resolutions 267 (E-V), 268 (XII) and 290 (VII) approved by OPANAL General Conference on 3 July 1990, 3 May 1991 and 26 August 1992.

Being aware that the Control System established under the Treaty of Tlatelolco, especially the dispositions contained in Articles 14 and 24, deserves the most scrupulous compliance by all States Parties;

Reiterating the need for Nuclear States to offer effective negative security assurances to Non-Nuclear States, unconditional and legally-binding and, in that same context, acknowledging the efforts made by the Secretariat General before Nuclear States Entailed to Additional Protocol II in accordance with the mandate given by this General Conference, in order for these States to withdraw and/or modify the Interpretative Declarations made at the time of signing and/or ratifying this instrument which restrict negative security assurances,

Considering the improvements made by the Secretariat General to re-establish and deepen the relationship of OPANAL with international and regional Organizations which work for nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and, peace and security are highly important to the consolidation and strengthening of the NWFZ; especially with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC) regarding the Control System,

Resolves:

1. **To exhort** all States Parties to the Treaty of Tlatelolco who have not yet signed and/or ratified the Amendments approved by the General Conference, to proceed to do so as soon as possible, with the aim of achieving full force of the Treaty.
2. **To welcome with satisfaction** the intention expressed by the Bahamas to ratify the Amendments to the Treaty of Tlatelolco, reiterating the commitment of the General conference to support it in the ratification process of these instruments.

3. **To exhort** all Member States who have not yet signed and/or ratified the Convention on Prerogatives and Immunities of the Agency to do so with the aim of achieving full force of OPANAL legal status.
4. **To urge** all Member States whose established obligations in Article 14 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco are still outstanding to make the biannual declarations required under the Control System as soon as possible;
5. **To reiterate** the importance of compliance with obligations established in Article 24 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco by all Member States, to notify the Secretary General of OPANAL of any international contract, treaty, agreement or arrangement of any kind and the issues referred on it, celebrated by Member States or public bodies on their behalf.
6. **To entrust** the Secretary General, together with the Council, to continue negotiations with Nuclear States who have ratified Protocols I and II to the Treaty of Tlatelolco with unilateral interpretations that affect the statute of denuclearization established under the Treaty, to modify or withdraw such interpretative declarations as soon as possible. Moreover, to keep Member States informed about actions taken with the objective of ensuring effective Government support in this purpose, essential for the integrity of the military denuclearization regime of the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone.
7. **To request** the Secretariat General of OPANAL to continue its efforts to reinforce the cooperation and entailment with regional and international organizations related to nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and, peace and security. Simultaneously, to continue to delve into cooperating with IAEA and ABACC.
8. **To also request** the Secretariat General to inform all Member States about the content of this Resolution.

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