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DRAFT RESOLUTION CG/E/Res. 400

**STRENGTHENING OF OPANAL
TIMELY PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

The General Conference,

Being aware of the importance of the Treaty of Tlatelolco as a model to motivate and foster other Nuclear Weapons Free Zones in the world, the main intention of which is to eliminate the nuclear threat by means of the nonproliferation and disarmament of such weapons;

Bearing in mind that Article 9, number 3, of the Treaty of Tlatelolco confers the General Conference the capacity to approve the Agency's Budget and to establish a Scale of Financial Contributions which Member States must pay to the Agency;

Recalling that Article 6, number 1, of the Financial Regulations, states that contributions are payable within the first 30 days of January of every year;

Taking into consideration Resolution 300 (XIII) which makes an urgent and peremptory call to the Member States with delays in the payment of contributions to the Agency, to pay the amounts due as soon as possible;

Considering also the financial rehabilitation made by the Agency through an administrative reorganization, the reduction of its annual budget and the corresponding reduction to the contributions of Member States;

Convinced that the failure of Member States to make timely payment of contributions decreases the Agency's ability to act as well as the possibility to instrument programs oriented towards strengthening it, in conformity with Resolution 388 (XVI),

Resolves:

1. **To make an urgent call** to the Member States to pay as soon as possible their contributions or agree with the Agency a scaled payment program, in order to enable the Agency to comply with the duties assigned by the Treaty of Tlatelolco that will contribute to the Strengthening of OPANAL.
2. **To authorize** the Secretary General to establish direct contact with the authorities of the Member States as deemed convenient, and to carry out the necessary efforts to obtain the payment of the past-due contributions.
3. **To request** the Secretary General to inform the Council about the steps taken and the results obtained from Member States in order to cover their debts on time.
4. **To instruct** the Secretary General to inform all the Member States about the contents of this Resolution.

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held on November 1, 2000)