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RESOLUTION CG/E/Res.547

PEACE AND NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT EDUCATION

The General Conference,

Having received from the Secretary-General a course proposal entitled “Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education” (SG.11.2012);

Recalling that, nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation are the primary objectives of the Treaty of Tlatelolco; and that the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean is convinced that Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education is part of a larger instruction: Peace Education;

Recalling its Resolutions CG/Res.479 (XIX-05) and CG/Res.518 (XXI-09), in which it exhorted Member States to implement the recommendations of the “United Nations Study on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education”; in order to continue to disseminate the Treaty of Tlatelolco and to promote educational activities that contribute to peace, nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation education among Member States; four courses on Nuclear Issues and Nuclear Challenge were implemented between 2009 and 2012, the first three courses were delivered in Spanish and the last course was delivered in English;

Bearing in mind the Joint Declaration of the 33 Member States of OPANAL adopted in September 2011, paragraph 19, in which they committed themselves to “continuing to implement Nuclear Disarmament Education programmes and to promote alliances with other bodies that facilitate the instruction and the commitment to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons, taking into account that Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education has been reiterated in the United Nations

Secretary-General's Reports since 2002, as an important contribution to the coordination and consolidation of international peace and security”;

Bearing in mind the International Seminar “The Experience of the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Latin America and the Caribbean and the perspective towards 2015 and beyond” held on 14-15 February 2012, within the framework of the commemoration of the 45th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, in which Governments expressed the political will to work for general and complete nuclear disarmament through education and dissemination programmes. Likewise, they declared themselves ready to work with other Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones and Civil Society to achieve this objective;

Highlighting the efforts made by OPANAL with regard to education and dissemination of the importance of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Latin America and the Caribbean. Also highlighting OPANAL efforts to carry out relevant activities on Peace, Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education, which were reported to the United Nations in document SG.05.2012 “OPANAL's Report on Peace, Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education and Training 2010-2012”;

Resolves:

1. **To note** the course proposal “Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education” (SG.11.2012) submitted by the Secretary-General.
2. **To acknowledge** OPANAL efforts and Member States commitment to continue to promote actions in favour of Peace, Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education. **To also acknowledge** the efforts of the Secretariat General to implement the online course on Nuclear Challenge, this was delivered in English and carried out in 2012.
3. **To create** an open working group to all Member States interested in the subject, with the aim of recommending appropriate practical and monitoring actions, based on the proposal submitted by the Secretary-General (SG.11.2012). Including, the design of a course on “Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education” and the search for resources in order to begin its implementation as soon as possible. The Group must report to the General Conference at its next Regular Session on the progress of its work.

4. **To urge** Member States, the Council and the Secretariat General to work with other Governments, international organizations, academic sector, civil society organizations and media, in programmes for Peace and Nuclear Disarmament Education.

5. **To request** the Secretariat General to inform all Member States of OPANAL and the United Nations Office of the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs about the content of this Resolution.

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