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Report on the Activities of the Council in 2020-2021

The OPANAL Council, in accordance with Article 10 paragraph 6 of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco), submits to the General Conference the report of its activities in the period between the XXVI Ordinary Session (7 November 2019) and the XXVII Ordinary Session of the General Conference (30 September 2021).¹

I. Composition of the Council and Meetings held in 2020 -2021

The five Member States of the Council in 2020 and 2021 were: Argentina and Uruguay (elected for the period 2018-2021) and Belize, Honduras, Nicaragua (elected for the period 2021-2024). The activities carried out throughout 2020 and 2021 took into account the conditions generated by the global pandemic, as well as the relevant declarations of health emergency by the authorities.

During 2020 and 2021 the Presidency was alternated in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council:²

¹ The Council shall submit to the General Conference an annual report on its activities, as well as such special reports as it deems appropriate or as the General Conference may request.

² The Presidency of the Council shall correspond, in turn, to the Member States of the Council itself in alphabetical order in the Spanish language. Every President will remain in office for two calendar months.

2020	Member state	Presidents
January-February	Uruguay	H.E. Ambassador Aníbal Cabral Segalerba
March-April	Argentina	Minister Mr. Alejandro Torres Lépori
May-June	Belize	H.E. Ambassador Oliver del Cid
July-August	Honduras	H.E. Ambassador Gerardo Alberto Simón Yerres
September-October	Nicaragua	H.E. Ambassador Juan Carlos Gutiérrez Madrigal
November-December	Uruguay	H.E. Ambassador Aníbal Cabral Segalerba
2021	Member state	Presidents
January-February	Argentina	H.E. Ambassador Carlos Alfonso Tomada
March-April	Belize	H.E. Ambassador Oscar Lorenzo Arnold
May-June	Honduras	H.E. Ambassador Gerardo Alberto Simón Yerres
July-August	Nicaragua	H.E. Ambassador Juan Carlos Gutiérrez Madrigal
September-October	Uruguay	H.E. Ambassador Aníbal Cabral Segalerba

During 2020 the Council met six times:

Meeting	Date	Member States	Observers	Minutes
324th	28 January 2020	- Argentina - Belize - Honduras - Nicaragua - Uruguay	Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Peru and Venezuela	C/03/2020 Rev.
325th (first session)	23 June 2020	- Argentina - Belize - Honduras - Nicaragua - Uruguay	Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	C/05/2020
325th (second session)	30 June 2020	- Argentina - Belize - Honduras - Nicaragua - Uruguay	Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	C/05/2020
326th	27 August 2020	- Argentina - Belize	Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador,	C/07/2020

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Honduras - Nicaragua - Uruguay 	Guatemala, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Peru and Saint Lucia	
327th	28 October 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Argentina - Honduras - Nicaragua - Uruguay 	Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and Dominican Republic	C/09/2020
328th	2 December 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Argentina - Belize - Honduras - Nicaragua - Uruguay 	Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama and Peru	C/11/2020

During 2021 (period from January to August) the Council met six times:

Meeting	Date	Member States	Observers	Minutes
329th	26 February 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Argentina - Belize - Honduras - Nicaragua - Uruguay 	Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay and Peru	C/04/2021
330th	28 April 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Argentina - Belize - Honduras - Nicaragua - Uruguay 	Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and	C/06/2021 Rev
331st	3 June 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Argentina - Belize - Honduras - Nicaragua - Uruguay 	Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Peru and Dominican Republic	C/08/2021
332nd	28 July 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Argentina - Belize - Honduras - Nicaragua - Uruguay 	Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Peru and Dominican Republic	C/10/2021
333rd	21 September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Argentina - Belize - Honduras - Nicaragua - Uruguay 	Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and Dominican Republic	
Extraordinary Meeting	28 September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Argentina - Honduras - Nicaragua - Uruguay 	Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay,	C/14/2021

			Peru, Dominican Republic and Saint Lucia:	
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II. Topics covered by the OPANAL Council in 2020 and 2021

The following is an account of the main themes and the respective decisions taken by the Council, in accordance with its Work Plan for 2020 and 2021 (C/01/2020 and C/02/2021):

i. Anniversary of the Treaty of Tlatelolco (53rd and 54th)

The Congress of Mexico City, the Government of Mexico City, the Mayor's Office of Cuauhtémoc (Mexico City), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, the Matías Romero Institute and OPANAL jointly organized, between February 11 and 16, 2020, a series of activities with the aim of commemorating the 53rd Anniversary of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.

As part of these activities, the OPANAL Member States issued, as every year, a joint communiqué in which, among other matters, they highlighted the importance of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.

On February 11, 2020, the Secretary General of OPANAL, Ambassador Flávio Roberto Bonzanini, participated in the radio program "Las Relaciones Internacionales de México" (Radiofrecuencia 860 AM – Radio UNAM) in which he spoke with the Director General of the Matías Romero Institute, Alejandro Alday, about the history of the Treaty of Tlatelolco. Both diplomats reflected on the international context that led to the need to adopt an international legal instrument such as the Treaty of Tlatelolco, which set a precedent for other regions to follow the example of establishing Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones in densely populated areas.

On February 13, the Matías Romero Institute, together with the Cuauhtémoc Mayor's Office and the Government of Mexico City, held a discussion in which the Secretary General of OPANAL Flavio Roberto Bonzanini, the Ambassador Emeritus of Mexico Sergio González

Gálvez, Dr. Maria Cristina Rosas, President of the Center for Analysis and Research on Peace, participated. Security and Development Olof Palme A.C., Rafael Medina Martínez, President of the Alfonso García Robles Diplomatic Foundation A.C., Rachel Bronson, President of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, and Alejandro Alday, General Director of the Matías Romero Institute.

On February 14, a solemn act of commemoration was held at the Ernesto Gómez Cruz Theater of the Tlatelolco Cultural Center, attended by representatives of the OPANAL Member States, other members of the diplomatic corps, officials of the Mexican Foreign Ministry, as well as the Government of Mexico City, students and neighbors of the housing unit of Tlatelolco.

During the opening of the commemorative event, there were speeches by the Secretary-General of OPANAL, Ambassador Flávio Roberto Bonzanini; Maestro Néstor Núñez López, Mayor of Cuauhtémoc; Deputy Jannete Guerrero Maya, President of the International Affairs Commission of the Congress of Mexico City; Deputy Temístocles Villanueva Ramos, President of the Human Rights Commission of the Congress of Mexico City; Dr. Diana Alarcón González, Coordinator of Advisors and International Affairs of Mexico City, and the Director General for the United Nations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Eduardo Jaramillo Navarrete.

On February 15 and 16, 2020, the neighbours of Tlatelolco were able to enjoy film exhibitions on the danger posed by nuclear weapons, which took place at the Ernesto Gómez Cruz Theater with different functions throughout the day, as well as the performance of a musical group and a dance company.

The event to commemorate the 54th Anniversary of the Treaty of Tlatelolco was organized virtually by the OPANAL Secretariat, taking into account the conditions generated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The event was chaired by His Excellency, Mr. Carlos Alfonso Tomada, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Argentine Republic, in his capacity as President of the Council in turn.

The commemoration compiled recorded video messages from:

- Secretary General of OPANAL;
- Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs of the United Nations;
- Amb. Rafael Mariano Grossi, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA);
- Mr. Messaoud Baaliouamer, Executive Secretary of the African Nuclear Energy Commission (AFCONC);
- Amb. Gustavo Zlauvinen, President-designate of the Tenth Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT);
- Dr. Elena Maceiras, Secretary of the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC);
- Dr. Eduardo Jaramillo Navarrete, Director General for the United Nations Organization of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico.

ii. External Relations of OPANAL

The Council noted and supported the participation of the Secretariat in the following activities carried out during 2020 and 2021:

- Participation of the Secretary-General, at the United Nations headquarters in New York, in the thematic debate on Pillar II of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) – March 2020.
- Virtual workshop *"Good Practices and Lessons Learned with Respect to The Implementation of Treaties Establishing Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones"* – 7-9 July 2020, organized by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA).
- 64th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) from 21 to 25 September 2020 in Vienna, attended by the Representation of Peru to the IAEA, which coordinates OPANAL in the Austrian capital.

- OPANAL's contribution to the NPT Review Conference with the submission and submission to the Preparatory Committee of the "Working Paper of OPANAL Member States for the 2020 NPT Review Conference" (Inf.11/2020).
- International Day Against Nuclear Tests – 29 August 2020
- High-level event on the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (26 September 2020), – 2 October 2020, with the participation of Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs of more than 80 countries, as well as the intervention of the Secretary-General of OPANAL
- Intervention of the Secretary-General in the General Debate and participation in the High-level Thematic Debate of the 75th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, First Committee, – 5 October to 5 November 2020
- OPANAL's contribution to the Report of the United Nations Secretary-General on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education
- Contacts with the African Nuclear Energy Commission (AFCONE)
- Contacts with the Central Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone
- Participation of OPANAL in the First Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty of Rarotonga (South Pacific Treaty as a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone) – December 15, 2020
- Communiqué of the Secretary-General on the occasion of the fiftieth ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons – 24 October 2020
- Establishment of the Technical Group for Memorandums of Understanding between OPANAL and the African Nuclear Energy Commission and the countries of the Central Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone
- Annual report of Mayor Néstor Núñez of the Cuauhtémoc Mayor's Office. Video message from the Secretary General of OPANAL in relation to the commemorative activities of the Treaty of Tlatelolco held in the Plaza de las Tres Culturas, on the occasion of the 54th Anniversary
- Panel discussion on "*Regional Challenges in Disarmament and Non-Proliferation*", organized by the European Union (EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Next Generation Workshop) – November 25, 2020

- James Martin Center for Non-Proliferation Studies Visiting Fellows Program at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey
- NPS Global and VERTIC Event on the Verification of Nuclear Disarmament held on December 15, 2020.
- Establishment of the Technical Group for Memoranda of Understanding between OPANAL and the African Nuclear Energy Commission and OPANAL and the countries of the Central Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone.
- Contribution to the United Nations Disarmament Yearbook (UNODA), with factual report of the most relevant activities carried out by OPANAL Member States– January 2021.
- Specialized workshop for capacity building for multilateral verification in the field of nuclear disarmament organized by NPS Global and VERTIC – December 15, 2020, February 9, April 14 and June 22, 2021.
- Virtual Regional Seminar "*The Role of the Hague Code of Conduct in Strengthening Non-Proliferation and Disarmament in Latin America*" – 27 April 2021
- Virtual meeting with the Buenos Aires-based Initiative for Global Security on issues of non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons– April 29, 2021
- OPANAL's contribution to the Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on oceans and the law of the sea.
- Virtual participation of OPANAL in the 12th Anniversary of the Entry into Force of the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone - Treaty of Pelindaba – July 15, 2021.
- Virtual participation of OPANAL in the 30th Anniversary of the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials-ABACC – July 19, 2021.

iii. OPANAL Coordination

At the XXVI Ordinary Session of the General Conference, held on November 7, 2019, the resolution "*Coordination of the Work of OPANAL in Geneva, New York and Vienna*" was approved, document CG/Res.14/2019, through which it was decided "To reiterate the importance that the coordinations have in the different Headquarters of the United Nations and to continue, through them, with the tasks of dissemination and dissemination of the work carried out by OPANAL".

As the support of the coordination was very valuable for OPANAL, the Council kept abreast of the activities and the status of the Agency's coordination at the headquarters in New York (Brazil), Vienna (Peru) and Geneva (Mexico) during 2020 and New York (Brazil), Vienna (Peru) and Geneva (Ecuador) during 2021.

The coordination, for example, made the distribution in the United Nations of OPANAL documents related to the Declaration of the Member States of OPANAL on the International Day for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (September 26, 2020) and the Communiqué of the OPANAL Member States on the 54th Anniversary of the Treaty of Tlatelolco (February 14, 2021). Coordination in Vienna has regularly represented OPANAL at the annual General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in September in the Austrian capital.

iv. Interpretative Declarations made by States Parties to Additional Protocols I and II to the Treaty of Tlatelolco

The issue of interpretative declarations to Additional Protocols I and II to the Treaty of Tlatelolco has been one of the issues of greatest concern to Member States, and the Council continued to follow up on this issue with the aim of engaging in a constructive dialogue with France and Russia on memoranda and proposals for adjustment on interpretative declarations and before the Governments of the United States of America. and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

In accordance with the decision of the General Conference, at its XXVI Session, of November 7, 2019, which adopted Resolution CG/Res.12/2019, which instructs the Member States of the Council to: 1) deliver the joint notes of the Member States of the Council reiterating the interest of engaging in a constructive dialogue with France and Russia regarding the Memoranda and Proposals for Adjustment on Interpretative Declarations; (2) to reiterate its representations to the Governments of the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

At its 329th Meeting, on February 26, 2021, the Council decided to create a Technical Group on the subject, under the coordination of Minister Alejandro Torres Lépori of Argentina. The first meeting of the Technical Group was held on 19th May; and the second, on the 9th of June. In the meetings, progress was made in the discussions on possible strategies for rapprochement and dialogue with the four nuclear-armed countries that issued interpretative declarations to Protocols I and II to the Treaty of Tlatelolco.

v. Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education

The Council took note of the nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation education activities coordinated by the Secretariat during 2020 and 2021 in compliance with the decision of the General Conference in its resolutions "*Secretariat Internship Programme*" (CG/Res.10/2019) and "*Course on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons*" (CG/Res.11/2019) and followed up on topics related to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation education. The sixth and seventh editions of the Summer School on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation were also held virtually.

- Internship Program in the Secretariat 2020: With respect to internships without financial support, during 2020 four interns were accepted in this mode; two Mexicans, and two Brazilians. Due to the circumstances imposed by the SARS-COV-2 pandemic, the first two completed their internship virtually during the first semester of the year, while the last two attended the program in a blended manner, during the second semester as follows:

- Roberto Gustavo Rodríguez Núñez (Mexico)-Bachelor's Degree in International Relations of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, from March 17, 2020 to June 17, 2020
 - María del Carmen Sánchez Mora (Mexico)-Bachelor's Degree in International Relations at the National Autonomous University of Mexico from March 17, 2020 to June 17, 2020
 - María Clara dos Santos Nogueira (Brazil), student of Political, Social and International Relations sciences at Sciences Po, France, from July 27, 2020 to August 28, 2020
 - Simone Marques dos Santos Nogueira (Brazil), Lawyer in commercial, environmental, urban planning and human rights law, from September 28, 2020 to November 30, 2020.
- Internship Program for Caribbean Member States (with financial support) 2020: the Secretariat of the Agency was informed on February 27, 2020, by the government of the Netherlands, about the renewal of the cooperation agreement with OPANAL allowing to continue with this modality of the program. However, following the SARS-COV-2 pandemic, it was agreed between the Agency and the Government of the Netherlands to postpone the use of funds for the 2021 financial year, thus, postponing the activities that were planned for 2020.
 - Sixth edition of the OPANAL Course on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: For the sixth time, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico and the Matías Romero Institute organized, jointly with OPANAL and the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) of the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS), the Summer School on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, which was held from July 6 to 17, 2020, virtually due to the conditions imposed by the SARS-COV-2 pandemic.

This edition of the summer course was attended by 63 diplomats and officials from 24 Latin American and Caribbean States and three officials from the OPANAL Secretariat. It was the largest number of participants in the program since its creation, in which gender equity was also guaranteed by having 31 women participants. Presentations were made by 33 experts from 13 countries and 21 different institutions, including: (i) Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, United Nations High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, (ii) Amb. Rafael Grossi, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), (iii) Dr. William C. Potter, Founding Director of the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, (iv) Amb. Gustavo Zlauvinen, President-Designate of the Tenth Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), (v) Mr. Alejandro Alday, Director General of the Matías Romero Institute and (vi) Amb. Flavio Roberto Bonzanini, Secretary-General of OPANAL.

- Internship Program in the Secretariat 2021: the Secretariat had in 2021 the help of two interns in the first semester and with the help of two interns in the second semester. Due to the circumstances imposed by the SARS-COV-2 pandemic, these internships were carried out in a blended mode:
 - Paulina González Araiza (Mexico), student of the Bachelor's Degree program in International Relations at the University of Anahuac, from February 8, 2021 to July 26, 2021
 - Lisa Van der Kaaden (Netherlands), student of The Hague University of Applied Sciences and participant of the exchange program of the Universidad Iberoamericana, Campus Puebla, from February 17, 2021 to July 17, 2021.
 - Gabriela Niño Hernández (Mexico), student of the Bachelor's Degree program in International Relations at the National Autonomous University of Mexico, from July 26, 2021 to December 15, 2021.
 - Andrés Torres Hernández (Mexico), student of the Bachelor's Degree program in International Relations at the University of Anahuac, from August 30, 2021 to December 15, 2021.

- Internship Program for Caribbean Member States (with financial support) 2021: As for the Internship Program for Caribbean Member States, in 2021 the internships of Mr. Rolando Caballero, Masters student at the University of the West Indies, Mona (Jamaica) of Belize, and Mr. Imran Best, official of the Ministry of Innovation, Science and High Technologies of Barbados, nominated by the University of the West Indies (Barbados) for the period from August 2 to December 15, 2021, were approved after several stages of selection. It should be noted that this is the first time that Barbados participates in the OPANAL Internship Program.

The Secretariat received a record number of applications in both modalities of the Internship Programme in 2021 (15 in total). It is noted that the interest of young specialists in the work of the Agency has been increasing, reflecting the importance of continuing to promote the OPANAL Internship Programmes as part of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation education activities. In addition, the financially supported internship programme, thanks to the generous support of the Government of the Netherlands, has helped to involve Caribbean Member States more fully in the work of the Agency.

- Seventh edition of the OPANAL Course on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: In 2021, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico and the Matías Romero Institute organized, jointly with OPANAL and the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies of the Middelbury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (California), the Summer School on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, which took place from June 28 to July 9, 2021. On this occasion and for the second time, the course was conducted remotely. The course, which aims to train diplomats from Latin America and the Caribbean on issues related to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, was attended in 2021 by 37 professionals and students from the region.

vi. Administrative and Financial Matters

The Council learned during each of its meetings the state of the financial situation of the Agency as well as the collection of assessed contributions through the reports of the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Affairs (CCAAP)- meetings: 144th of January 21, 2020 (document CCAAP/03/2020), 145th of August 18, 2020 (document CCAAP/11/2020), 146th of October 15, 2020 (document CCAAP/12/2020), 147th of November 19, 2020 (document CCAAP/19/2020), 148th of 04 February 2021 (document CCAAP/03/2021Rev.), 149th of 25 March, 2021 (document CCAAP/08/2021), 150th of 27 May, 2021 (document CCAAP/11/2021) and 151st of 24 June, 2021 (document CCAAP/18/2021).

a. Status of collection of contributions

During each of its meetings, the Council learned of the state of financial position and the collection of assessed contributions through the reports of the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Affairs (CCAAP). The relevant information was updated as contribution payments were recorded in the Agency's bank accounts (Inf.03/2020Rev.11 and Inf.05/2021Rev.23).

Thanks to the contributions of the Member States received in the first months of 2021, the relevant support of Mexico to the payment of income and to the savings of 23% of the Secretariat in the budget execution of the 2020 fiscal year, it was possible to establish the Reserve Fund in an amount equivalent to the total annual quotas of the member countries. Thus, the recommendation of Article 12 of the Financial Regulations, according to which *"efforts shall be made to ensure that the Reserve Fund reaches an amount equivalent to the total annual assessment of Member States"*, currently USD 416,989.00, was fully met.

It is important to emphasize that, as a result of the contributions made by Member States during the 2021 financial year, the sustained support of the Government of Mexico for the payment of the income and savings of the Secretariat, the financial resources to cover the

budgetary expenses of the Agency until April 2022 are already guaranteed. The collection of assessed contributions from Member States in 2021 is the most significant in recent years.

b. Draft resolutions on the budget and administrative matters

Considering the situation arising from the pandemic, the Council decided not to convene an extraordinary session of the General Conference during 2020, and Member States therefore decided, at the 326th session of the Council, that the Secretariat would prepare three draft resolutions, all of an administrative nature; one corresponding to the Budget and scale of contributions for the financial year 2021, another relating to the annual renewal of the Appointment of the External Auditor and the third relating to the Financial Statements and opinion of the External Auditor as of December 31, 2019.

These resolutions were adopted by Member States through a silent procedure in the following format:

- Financial Statements and Opinion of the External Auditor as at 31 December 2019, document CG/Res.17/2019.
- Budget and scale of assessments for the financial period 2021, document CG/Res.18/2019.
- Appointment of the External Auditor, document CG/Res.19/2019.

c. OPANAL Headquarters

In accordance with Resolution CG/Res.09/2019 - Headquarters of OPANAL, adopted at the last session of the General Conference, the Council was entrusted to continue with the analysis and discussion of the need for a permanent headquarters of the Agency, as well as to keep the issue on the agendas of the Council and the General Conference.

In May 2021, the Secretariat, complying with what was advanced at the 330th Council Meeting, completed negotiations with the owner of the property in which the current headquarters is located and agreed to the extension of the lease until June 30, 2022, with a discount of 10% to the previous price of the rent. In 2020 the Secretariat had already achieved with the landlord the freezing of the rent concerning the period July 2020-June 2021. The current discount obtained represents a decrease in the value of the income equivalent to MXN 9,210.53 per month and MXN 110,526.36 per year.

It is worth noting, in this area, the relevant special contributions of the Government of Mexico, which deposited in the account of the MXN Agency 1,000,000.00 in December 2019 and again MXN 1,000,000.00 in December 2020. These amounts have been used to pay the rent of the property from July 2020 to the present and are also sufficient to meet the payment of rent until April 2022. The host country is also thanked for being very attentive to offering options for obtaining a permanent headquarters for the Agency.

vii. Control System and Obligations

In accordance with the obligations defined in the Treaty of Tlatelolco and the Control System established by it, during 2020 the Secretary General informed the Council in all its meetings about the status of compliance with Articles 14 and 24 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco. Likewise, at each meeting of the Council, the Secretary-General constantly reiterated the call to Member States to comply with Article 14 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, which is not optional, but a fundamental legal obligation and with Article 24 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco states that: *"any international agreement concluded by any of the Contracting Parties, on the matters to which it refers, shall be notified immediately to the Secretariat, so that it may register it and notify the other Contracting Parties"*.

At the end of 2020, the Council noted that 51% of the membership had submitted information in a timely manner. Seventeen countries had reported that during the first half of 2020 no activity prohibited by the provisions of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean - Treaty of Tlatelolco - has taken place in their territories,

so they were up to date with compliance with article 14 of the Treaty. Another Member State had complied with its reports until the second half of 2019, while six Member States had not submitted information in four semesters or more, so that almost 25% of the membership was in a state of non-compliance with Article 14.

In accordance with the obligations defined in the Treaty of Tlatelolco and the Control System established by it, during 2021 the Secretary General informed the Council at all its meetings about the status of compliance with Articles 14 and 24 of the Treaty. At each meeting of the Council, the call on Member States to comply with Article 14 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, which is a fundamental legal obligation of the Parties, was reiterated. By the first half of 2021, more than 70% of Member States are up to date with the obligation established by Article 14, which is the very essence of the Treaty of Tlatelolco. This percentage of compliance is the most representative of recent years.

III. Composition of the OPANAL Secretariat

The Council was informed, in accordance with the Rules Governing the Functioning of the Secretariat (Doc. CG/E/666) – Article 37 “Personnel Registry” of the changes in the composition of the OPANAL Secretariat, including the resignation of Program Officer Enya Daniela Ramírez Castillo effective September 24, 2020.

The following information, contained in the document "Personnel Register" (CCAAP/02/2021), indicates the officials currently working in the OPANAL Secretariat:

- Ambassador Flavio Roberto Bonzanini, Secretary General (international official elected by the General Conference for the period from 1 January, 2020 to 31 December, 2021 pursuant to Resolution CG/Res.13/2019). Date of entry January 1, 2020 and of Brazilian nationality.
- Natalia Chreties Ceriani (local employee). Date of entry March 15, 2018 an Uruguayan nationality.

- Martha Mariana Mendoza Basulto (local employee). Date of entry August 27, 2018 of Mexican nationality.
- Alain Ponce Blancas (local employee). Date of entry May 2, 2019 of Mexican nationality.
- Natalia Zhurina (local employee). Date of entry July 15, 2019 of Russian nationality.
- Israel David Ramirez Flores, General Services (local employee). Date of entry of October 18, 2010 of Mexican nationality.

Anexo I

Quota Collection Status of Member States

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**Quota Collection Status of Member States
(USD)**

Member States	Accumulated debt as of 2016	Debts				Accumulated debt to 2020	Contribution 2021		Ratified by 2021	Unpaid Balance	Ratified for future financial years
		2017	2018	2019	2020		%	Share			
Antigua and Barbuda	6,836.65	1,543.00	1,543.00	1,543.00	1,543.00	13,008.65	0.37	1,543.00	0.00	14,551.65	0.00
Argentina	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66,718.00	66,718.00	16	66,718.00	0.00	133,436.00	0.00
Bahamas	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1	4,170.00	4,170.00	0.00	0.00
Barbados	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	1,543.00	1,543.00	0.00	0.00
Belize	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,543.00	1,543.00	0.37	1,543.00	0.00	3,086.00	0.00
Bolivia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	1,543.00	0.00	1,543.00	0.00
Brazil	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.55	85,691.00	0.00	85,691.00	0.00
Chile	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,849.00	20,849.00	41,698.00	5	20,849.00	0.00	62,547.00	0.00
Colombia	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,198.19	20,849.00	27,047.19	5	20,849.00	0.00	47,896.19	0.00
Costa Rica	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.75	3,127.00	3,127.00	0.00	12.29
Cuba	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.83	3,461.00	3,461.00	0.00	0.00
Dominica	0.00	0.00	1,543.00	1,543.00	1,543.00	4,629.00	0.37	1,543.00	0.00	6,172.00	0.00
Ecuador	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.2	5,004.00	5,004.00	0.00	0.00
El Salvador (a)	123,370.50	1,668.00	1,668.00	1,668.00	1,668.00	130,242.50	0.4	1,668.00	0.00	131,910.50	0.00
Grenada	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	1,543.00	1,543.00	0.00	0.00
Guatemala	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1	4,170.00	2,222.67	1,947.33	0.00
Guyana	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	1,543.00	1,543.00	0.00	3,194.17
Haiti	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	1,543.00	0.00	1,543.00	0.00
Honduras	0.00	0.00	32.00	1,543.00	1,543.00	3,118.00	0.37	1,543.00	0.00	4,661.00	0.00
Jamaica	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	1,543.00	1,543.00	0.00	0.00
Mexico	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.5	93,822.00	93,822.00	0.00	0.00
Nicaragua	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	1,543.00	1.00	1,542.00	0.00
Panama	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1	4,170.00	4,170.00	0.00	0.00
Paraguay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.75	3,127.00	0.00	3,127.00	0.00
Peru	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,554.23	8,554.23	2.6	10,842.00	0.00	19,396.23	0.00
Dominican Republic	0.00	0.00	0.00	212.03	4,170.00	4,382.03	1	4,170.00	0.00	8,552.03	0.00
Saint Kitts and the Nevis	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	1,543.00	1,543.00	0.00	0.00
Saint Lucia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	1,543.00	1,543.00	0.00	0.00
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24	1,543.00	1,543.24	0.37	1,543.00	0.00	3,086.24	0.00
Suriname	1,543.00	1,543.00	1,543.00	1,543.00	1,543.00	7,715.00	0.37	1,543.00	0.00	9,258.00	0.00
Trinidad and Tobago	16,930.00	8,465.00	8,465.00	8,465.00	8,465.00	50,790.00	2.03	8,465.00	0.00	59,255.00	0.00
Uruguay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.4	5,838.00	0.00	5,838.00	0.00
Venezuela	49,064.99	47,703.00	47,703.00	47,703.00	47,703.00	239,876.99	11.44	47,703.00	0.00	287,579.99	0.00
Total	197,945.14	66,922.00	62,497.00	91,267.46	188,234.23	600,865.83	100	416,389.00	125,238.67	892,619.16	3,286.46

Percentage of Collection

85.39%

85.01%

78.11%

54.86%

% ratified by 2021

30.63%

Other Income (b)

1,501.00

(a) El Salvador have not made their quota payments since they ratified the Treaty of Tlatelolco. Through Resolution CG/E/Res.10/2018, the General Conference approved a series of measures to support compliance with the financial obligations established by the Treaty of Tlatelolco. To date, no response has been received.

(b) An unidentified payment was received in 2015 for US \$ 1,501.00.

Anexo II
Status of compliance with Articles 14 and 24 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco

(Updated until 29 September 2021)

ESTADOS MIEMBROS	Artículo 14	Artículo 24
	Último Informe	Último Informe
Antigua and Barbuda	30-jun.-2020	3-feb.-2015
Argentina	30-jun.-2021	19-jun.-2019
Bahamas	30-jun.-2010	10-may.-2007
Barbados	31-dic.-1984	10-abr.-1984
Belize	31-dic.-2017	5-feb.-2018
Bolivia	30-jun.-2020	25-feb.-2020
Brasil	30-jun.-2021	19-jun.-2019
Chile	30-jun.-2021	30-jun.-2021
Colombia	30-jun.-2021	6-abr.-2017
Costa Rica	30-jun.-2020	
Cuba	30-jun.-2021	5-feb.-2021
Dominica	30-jun.-2017	12-sep.-2012
Ecuador	31-dic.-2020	26-jun.-2019
El Salvador	31-jun.-2014	22-sep.-2010
Grenada	30-jun.-2016	13-sep.-1980
Guatemala	30-jun.-2021	2-dic.-2010
Guyana	30-jun.-2020	16-sep.-2010
Haiti	31-dic.-2020	31-jul.-1973
Honduras	30-jun.-2020	8-nov.-2010
Jamaica	31-dic.-2020	16-abr.-2021
México	30-jun.-2021	1-jul.-2021
Nicaragua	30-jun.-2021	30-jun.-2016
Panamá	30-jun.-2020	4-feb.-1986
Paraguay	30-jun.-2020	1-jul.-2015
Perú	31-jul.-2020	30-jun.-2016
República Dominicana	30-jun.-2015	7-ago.-1987
Saint Kitts and Nevis	30-jun.-2021	6-jun.-2014
Saint Lucia	31-dic.-2020	25-jul.-2013
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	30-jun.-2020	
Suriname	31-dic.-2016	16-sep.-2010
Trinidad and Tobago	30-jun.-2013	25-jul.-2013
Uruguay	30-jun.-2021	26-oct.-2019
Venezuela	5-jun.-2019	3-oct.-2017

Annex III

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Personnel registration³

Name	Functions	Modality of Employment	Date of Entry	Renovations	Nationality
Ambassador Flavio Bonzanini	Secretary-General	International official elected by the General Conference for the period of (January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021.) Resolution CG/Res.13/2019	January 1, 2020		Brazilian
Israel David Ramirez Flores	General Services	Local employee.	October 18, 2010	January 19, 2011 January 19, 2012 January 19, 2013 January 19, 2014 January 19, 2015 January 19, 2016 January 19, 2017 January 19, 2018 January 19, 2019	Mexican

³ In accordance with the *Rules Governing the Functioning of the Secretariat* (Doc. CG/E/666) - Article 37 Personnel registration: "The Secretariat shall circulate annually to the Member States a staff register indicating name, method of employment, functions, nationality and date of entry into the Secretariat."

				January 1, 2020 January 1, 2021	
Name	Functions	Modality of Employment	Date of Entry	Renovations	Nationality
Natalia Chreties Ceriani	Administration Officer	Local employee	March 15, 2018	January 1, 2020 January 1, 2021	Uruguayan
Martha Mariana Mendoza Basulto	International Relations Officer	Local employee	August 27, 2018	January 1, 2020 January 1, 2021	Mexican
Alain Ponce Blancas	Research and Communication Officer	Local employee	May 02, 2019	January 1, 2020 January 1, 2021	Mexican
Natalia Zhurina	Translation Officer	Local employee	July 15, 2019	January 1, 2020 January 1, 2021	Russian