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### Resolution

#### OPANAL relations with other Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones

##### The General Conference,

**Recalling** the preamble to the Treaty of Tlatelolco which states that "*militarily denuclearized zones are not an end in themselves but rather a means for achieving general and complete disarmament at a later stage*";

**Reiterating** its conviction that the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones is intimately linked to the maintenance of international peace and security and that the prohibition of nuclear weapons in different regions, adopted by the sovereign decision of States located therein, exerts beneficial influence in other regions and at the global level;

**Stressing** the importance of the treaties of Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok, Pelindaba and the Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone for Central Asia, as well as Mongolia's nuclear-weapon-free status, in order to, *inter alia*, achieve the goal of a totally nuclear-weapon-free world;

**Reiterating** its commitment to continue promoting dialogue and cooperation among nuclear-weapon-free zones, including Mongolia, in order to contribute to their **strengthening** and to promote the exchange of good practices;

**Urging** Member States to continue to make concrete progress in strengthening all existing nuclear-weapon-free zones;

**Encouraging** the establishment of new nuclear-weapon-free zones through freely agreed arrangements amongst States of the respective regions, and **stressing** the importance of such zones in contributing to the achievement of nuclear disarmament;

**Reaffirming** its support for the goal of establishing a zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly;

**Regretting** that to date the Fourth Conference of Mongolia-Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones has not been held, in accordance with resolution 73/71, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 13 December 2018;

**Recalling** the cooperation agreements of OPANAL with the Secretariat of the Pacific Islands Forum of February 11, 2003, and with the African Commission on Nuclear Energy of December 1, 2021, and **underlining** the importance of continuing the progress of rapprochement and cooperation with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Central Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone with the aim to conclude its formalization;

**Resolves:**

1. **To thank** the Member States of the Council for the work carried out, during 2022 and 2023, on cooperation with other nuclear-weapon-free zones, including the establishment of the Technical Group to discuss and agree on the drafting of the Memoranda of Understanding with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Central Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone.
2. **To thank also** the Council for the establishment of the Technical Group to discuss and agree on the drafting of the resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations that seeks to promote a new comprehensive study of the issue of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects.
3. **To instruct** the Secretary-General to redouble the efforts to conclude the negotiations on the Memoranda of Understanding with the Association of South-East Asian Nations and the Central Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone, for later approval by the General Conference.
4. **To instruct** the Secretary-General to provide the necessary support to the Council in the consideration of measures for the institutionalization and strengthening of existing and future nuclear-weapon-free zones.
5. **To instruct** the Secretary-General to continue sharing the experience and good practices of OPANAL for the creation of a zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass

destruction in the Middle East, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly.

6. **To urge** the Member States to assume coordination and to convene the Fourth Conference of Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones and Mongolia.
7. **To instruct** the Secretary-General to provide the necessary support to the Council to consider effective measures to convene the Fourth Conference of Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones and Mongolia.
8. **To instruct** the Secretary-General to keep Member States informed of the implementation of this resolution.