



Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean

**General Conference** 

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Resolution

Gender, Non-proliferation and Disarmament

The General Conference,

Recalling that the United Nations Charter reaffirms the equal rights of women and men and

recalling that achieving gender equality and empowering all women is one of the Sustainable

Development Goals;

Recognizing the important link between gender and disarmament through the valuable

contribution of women to the promotion of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control,

especially nuclear weapons, and to the consolidation of a peaceful world;

**Noting** with appreciation the initiatives of Member States to increase the participation of

women in disarmament issues, and reaffirming that the commitment of the Member States of

OPANAL and the Secretariat to equity and the equal, full, and effective participation of both women

and men is one of the essential factors for the promotion of peace and security;

**Noting** the need to further develop the roles and contributions of women in disarmament

and nonproliferation by facilitating their participation and representation in disarmament and

nonproliferation policy-making, planning and implementation processes;

Considering resolution CG/Res.05/2021 adopted on 30 September 2021; and resolution

CG/E/Res.13/2022 adopted on 17 November 2022;

**Emphasizing** gender equality in the composition of the Secretariat's staff;

**Resolves:** 

- 1. **To urge** Member States, OPANAL and its organs to promote equal opportunities for the representation of women in al decision-making processes with respect to matters related to disarmament, non-proliferation, and arms control.
- 2. **Call upon** Member States to promote the effective participation of women in disarmament issues.
- 3. **To urge** the Secretariat, together with the Council, to incorporate a gender perspective and to support and strengthen the effective participation of women in the Agency, its organs and programs.
- 4. To urge the Secretariat to keep in mind the aspiration to maintain gender equality in its staff, in the internship programs, in the OPANAL Course on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, in the Summer School on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation for diplomats from Latin America and the Caribbean and in its other activities for disarmament education.