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**Contribution of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs YearBook 2023**

The Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean ([OPANAL](#)), established by article 7 of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco), presents herewith its contribution to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs Yearbook 2023.

- On 14 February 2023, the Member States of OPANAL issued a communiqué ([Inf.01/2023Rev.2](#)<sup>1</sup>) to commemorate the 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and presented in a [civic commemoration](#).
- On 26 September 2023, the Member States of OPANAL issued a declaration to commemorate the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons ([Inf.37/2023Rev.4](#)<sup>2</sup>).
- The [XXVIII Session of the General Conference of OPANAL](#) took place on 3 November 2023, in Guatemala City. The documents and resolutions regarding this event are publicly available on the Agency's website<sup>3</sup>.
- The Secretary-General of OPANAL attended the First session of the [Preparatory Committee for the 2026 Review Conference](#) of the Parties to the NPT and delivered a statement ([Inf.32/2023](#)<sup>4</sup>) that is publicly available.
- The ninth edition of the [Summer School on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation for diplomats from Latin America and the Caribbean](#), organized annually by OPANAL, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico (SRE), the Matías Romero Institute (IMR)

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<sup>1</sup> Communiqué of the Member States of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) on the occasion of the 56th Anniversary of the Treaty of Tlatelolco

<sup>2</sup> Declaration of the Member States of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean OPANAL International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (26 September 2023)

<sup>3</sup> <https://opanal.org/en/cg-xxviii-regular-session/>

<sup>4</sup> FIRST SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE 2026 REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE NONPROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

- and the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) of the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, took place from July 10 to July 15 in Mexico City with 31 diplomats from 27 countries of the region participating in person.
- The OPANAL Course on Disarmament and Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons took place from [24 to 26 July 2023](#), in Guatemala; and from [5 to 7 December 2023](#), in Ecuador.
  - The Secretary-General of OPANAL also attended the First Committee of the General Assembly during its general debate and delivered a statement on this occasion. The Agency also participated in the Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on 13 October 2023.
  - OPANAL contributed to the report of the United Nations Secretary-General on oceans and the Law of the Sea.
  - OPANAL participated on the 67<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency in September 2023 ([Inf.41/2023](#)<sup>5</sup>).
  - The Secretary-General of OPANAL participated in the [Second Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons](#) (TPNW) and delivered an statement publicly available in Spanish ([Inf.52/2023](#)<sup>6</sup>).
  - Six interns<sup>7</sup> were accepted as part of the [Internship Programs](#) at the Secretariat of the Agency during 2023.
  - Throughout 2023, OPANAL engaged in activities to strengthen cooperation with other nuclear-weapon-free zones and attended the Second meeting of the Working Committee of the Conference on the Establishment of a Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction in the Middle East.

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<sup>5</sup> Organismo Internacional de Energía Atómica (OIEA) 67a Conferencia General. Discurso del Embajador Luis Javier Campuzano, Coordinador del Organismo para la Proscripción de las Armas Nucleares en la América Latina y el Caribe (OPANAL) y Representante Permanente de México ante los Organismos Internacionales con sede en Viena, en nombre de Embajador Flávio Roberto Bonzanini Secretario General del OPANAL

<sup>6</sup> Segunda Reunión de los Estados Parte del Tratado sobre la Prohibición de las Armas Nucleares. Intervención del Embajador Flávio Roberto Bonzanini, Secretario General

<sup>7</sup> Océane Van Geluwe (Francia), Brandon Young Durán (México), Juliany Aime Alcocer Angeles (México), Úrsula P. Caturla Rodríguez (Perú – España), Ongel Williams (Guyana), José Joaquín Eguía Vélez (México)