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RESOLUTION CG/Res.478
STRENGTHENING OF OPANAL

The General Conference,

Bearing in mind Resolutions 339 (E-X), 358 (XV), 368 (E-XII), 388 (XVI), 418 (XVII) and 448 (XVIII) relative to the mandate received by the Council and the Agency's Secretariat General to continue the study for promoting measures and actions to strengthen OPANAL;

Considering the fulfillment of operative paragraph 1 of Resolution 448 (XVIII) with the successful holding of the "Conference of the States Parties and Signatories of the Treaties that Establish Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones" in Tlatelolco, Mexico from 26 to 28 April 2005;

Emphasizing the preparation of the Draft Declaration that served as a basis for the Final Declaration of the Conference of the States Parties and Signatories of the Treaties that Establish Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones as well as the preparation of document C/DT/62 Rev.1 "Need to Establish Coordination and Cooperation Mechanisms among the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones," which brings operative paragraphs 2 and 3 of Resolution 418 (XVIII) closer to fulfillment;

Highlighting the work that the Secretary General is carrying out to promote coordination and cooperation among the States Parties and Signatories of Treaties that establish Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones to reach common objectives, including joint sessions and cooperation agreements signed among them in a systematic way within the framework of the NPT Review Conference, as expressed in item 21 of the Declaration from the NWFZs Conference.

Further highlighting the impending signature of the Agreement between the University of Malaga and OPANAL to develop cooperation programs and various activities in the field of the prohibition of weapons of mass destruction;

Having examined the Memorandum of the Secretary General (Doc.CG/594) on the Strengthening of OPANAL,

Resolves:

1. **To entrust** the Secretary General with presenting to the Council a program to continue increasing the exchange of information and experiences with other NWFZs in common areas of interest, in particular on the prohibition of nuclear testing, non-proliferation, nuclear disarmament, and if appropriate, the establishment of cooperation programs within the areas of responsibility that the Treaty of Tlatelolco assigns to OPANAL.
2. **To intensify** further cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and request that the Secretary General conduct consultations with the IAEA regarding the functioning of the Control System established by the Treaty of Tlatelolco in light of the latest amendments and present to the Council a report on the advisability of updating the Cooperation Agreement signed by both parties in October 1972.
3. **To request** that the Secretary General continue OPANAL's contacts with international organizations active in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation, especially the United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs, the OAS Committee on Hemispheric Security, and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization.
4. **To reiterate** to the Secretary General that he draw up a program for the institutional strengthening of OPANAL to include the voluntary contribution of a small group of experts to increase the Agency's analytical abilities in the areas of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.
5. **To request also** that the Secretary General reestablish contacts to design mechanisms for cooperation with the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC) in order to carry out joint activities as part of

the objectives defined in the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 29 April 2003.

6. **To urge** the Secretary General to continue maintaining exchanges of information with non-governmental organizations linked to the field of disarmament, on topics of interest to OPANAL which, with the approval of the Council, he considers pertinent to present to the Member States of the Agency, in accordance with Article 11 (5) of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.
7. **To entrust** the Secretary General with the formulation of a work program to reinforce cooperation with other agencies of the region, such as the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC), on the basis of objectives in line with the aims of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and which take into account financial consequences for the budget of the Agency.
8. **To urge** the Secretary General to submit to the Council a detailed program with the objectives and aims of his participation in international fora and agencies, as well as the reports and results of same. His participation should be supported by objectives in line with the aims of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and which take into account financial consequences for the budget of the Agency.
9. **To instruct** the Secretary General to inform all the Member States of the content of this resolution.
10. **To express** its broadest recognition of the efforts of the Secretary General to fulfill Resolution 448 (XVIII).

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