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Item 8
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**REPORTS OF THE CURRENT PRESIDENTS OF THE COUNCIL
IN CHARGE OF THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF OPANAL**

1. On June 28, 2007, at its 51st Special Session, Ambassador Edmundo Vargas Carreño presented a report to the Council on the political, budgetary, and administrative aspects of the Secretariat General of the Agency covering the mandates included in the resolutions approved by the XIX Regular Session of the General Conference held in Santiago, Chile in 2005 and by the XVIII Special Session held in November 2006 in Mexico City (**Doc. S/Inf. 961 attached**). Ambassador Vargas Carreño resigned as Secretary General of OPANAL on June 30, 2007.
2. In light of the resignation of the Secretary General of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Council, at its 51st Special Session, approved Resolution C/Res.43 (**attached hereto**) by virtue of which it assumed the responsibilities of the Secretariat General until the necessary conditions are established for the election of a new Secretary General and entrusted the President of the Council with carrying out those tasks vital to the Agency's operations.
3. The position of President of the Council is rotated on a bi-monthly basis and corresponds to Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Cuba, and Argentina.
4. Guatemala assumed the post from July 1 to August 31, 2007, represented by H.E. Manuel Arturo Soto Aguirre, Ambassador of Guatemala, as acting Secretary General (**See attached Report C/DT/73 Rev**).

5. Mexico assumed the post from September 1 to October 31, 2007, the President of the Council, Raúl Cueto Martínez, Director General for Regional American Agencies and Mechanisms, from the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs, functioned as acting Secretary General (**See attached Report C/DT/74 Rev**).

6. From November 1 to December 31, 2007, the Peruvian Delegation will assume the responsibilities of the Secretariat General. The activities undertaken as of November 22, 2007 will be presented in Report **C/DT/76**, which will be distributed during the Plenary Session.