



Twenty-first Regular Session of the General Conference
Mexico City, 26 November 2009

RESOLUTION CG/Res. 513

STRENGTHENING OF THE AGENCY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (OPANAL)

The General Conference,

Bearing in mind Resolutions 339 (E-X-95), 368 (E-XII-97), 388 (XVI-99), 418 (XVII-01), 448 (XVIII-03) and 478 (XIX-05) relative to the mandate received by the Council and the General Secretariat of the Agency with the aim of continuing to further measures and actions intended to strengthen OPANAL;

Considering the advances in deliberations on this topic among the members of the Council of the Agency;

Having studied the Report of the Deputy Secretary General, presented to the General Conference,

Resolves:

1. **To request** the Secretary General of the Agency, with the approval of the Council, to follow up on the work for the holding of the Second Conference of States Parties and Signatories of Treaties establishing Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones (NWFZs);
2. **To entrust** the Secretary General with continuing and increasing exchanges of information and experiences with other NWFZs, identifying areas of mutual interest and actions for the establishment of co-operation agreements within the sphere of competence that the Treaty of Tlatelolco assigns to OPANAL.

3. **To entrust also** the Council and the Secretary General with following up on the steps taken by the Agency so that the States Parties of the Additional Protocols to the Treaty of Tlatelolco withdraw or modify their interpretive declarations and take the corresponding actions to strengthen the integrity of the military denuclearization statute provided for in the Treaty.
4. **To urge** the Secretary General to continue OPANAL's contacts with the international agencies that act in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation.
5. **To request** the Secretary General to identify the possibilities of carrying out joint activities with the United Nations Regional Center for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean as part of the objectives defined in the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 29 April 2003.
6. **To urge** the Secretary General to present to the Council a programme on the objectives and purposes of his participation in international forums and agencies related to the topic of nuclear disarmament, and to submit reports on his participation in same.
7. **To authorize** the Secretary General to invite the States Parties to support the Agency, to the extent of their possibilities, with the designation of experts to increase the Agency's capacity for analysis in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation.
8. **To urge also** the Secretary General to follow up on the resolutions approved by the General Conference and authorize him to carry out activities and programmes in keeping with the objectives of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.
9. **To express** its highest appreciation of the work performed by the Deputy Secretary General in fulfillment of Resolution CG/Res.496 (XX-07).
10. **To request** the General Secretariat to inform the Member States of the contents of this Resolution.

(Approved at the 111th Session
held on 26 November 2009).