



Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Latin  
America and the Caribbean

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**RESOLUTION CG/Res.553  
SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT**

**The General Conference,**

**Having** received the Secretary-General's Report covering the period from 14 November 2012 to 30 July 2013, document CG/656;

**Acknowledging** the leadership and commitment with which Ambassador Gioconda Ubeda assumed the revitalization process of the Agency since taking office as OPANAL Secretary-General in February 2010;

**Bearing in mind** the progress made by the three Working-Groups formed by mandate of the General Conference in Resolutions CGE21/Res.546, 547 and 551, adopted on 13 November 2012;

**Considering** that in 2013, for the first time, all Member States complied with their Biannual Reports related to the Control System of the Treaty of Tlatelolco; and that between 2012 and 2013 three States signed and ratified the three Amendments to the Treaty of Tlatelolco (Antigua and Barbuda, Trinidad and Tobago, and Saint Kitts and Nevis);

**Taking into account** that negotiations on the recovery of financial obligations to the Agency led to a historical increase in the collection of contributions;

**Also taking into account** the resignation of Ambassador Gioconda Ubeda from the position of OPANAL Secretary-General as of 31 July 2013, as she was appointed Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica,

**Resolves:**

1. **To thank** the Report of the Secretary-General (Doc.CG/656) and to express its appreciation for the work done over the three and a half years that she led the Agency, especially for the promotion of the revitalization process of the Agency and the consolidation of its Strategic Agenda contained in Resolution CG/Res.554.
2. **To thank** Ambassador Gioconda Ubeda for the commitment and leadership with which she served as Secretary-General.
3. **To instruct** the Council to examine the Secretary-General's Report in 2014; and to incorporate into its agenda the proposals adopted by the General Conference.
4. **To request** the Secretariat General to inform all Member States about the content of this Resolution.

(Adopted at the 115<sup>th</sup> Session  
held on 22 August 2013)