



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

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RESOLUTION CG/Res.556

**REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON
NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND NON-PROLIFERATION EDUCATION**

The General Conference,

Taking into account its Resolution CG/E/Res.547 adopted at its XXI Special Session, in which it resolved to form a Working Group to recommend appropriate practical monitoring actions, including the design of a course on “Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education”;

Recalling its Resolutions CG/Res.479 (XIX-05) and CG/Res.518 (XXI-09), in which it exhorted Member States to implement the recommendations of the “*United Nations study on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education*” in order to continue efforts to disseminate the Treaty of Tlatelolco and to promote educational activities that contribute to peace, nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation education among OPANAL Member States; **and also recalling** that from 2009 to 2012 four courses on Nuclear Issues and the Nuclear Challenge were delivered to Member States’ representatives, and that the first three courses were delivered in Spanish, and the last course was delivered in English;

Bearing in mind the Declaration of the 33 OPANAL Member States adopted in September 2011, in which they committed “*to continue to implement programmes on Nuclear Disarmament Education and to promote alliances with other institutions that facilitate the creation and commitment to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world; bearing in mind that nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation education has been reiterated in the United Nations Secretary-General’s*

Reports since 2002 as an important contribution to the consolidation of international peace and security”;

Bearing also in mind the International Seminar “The experience of the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Latin America and the Caribbean and the perspective towards 2015 and beyond” that was held in Mexico City, on 14-15 February 2012, within the framework of the commemoration of the 45th Anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, event in which Member States expressed the political will to work for general and complete nuclear disarmament through educational and outreach programmes;

Highlighting the important efforts made by OPANAL with regard to education and outreach activities on the Treaty of Tlatelolco and the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Latin America and the Caribbean, which were reported to the United Nations in document SG.05.2012 “OPANAL’s Report on Peace, Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education and Training 2010-2012”;

Convinced that Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education is part of a larger objective: to educate for peace and contribute to the creation of new Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones or Weapons of Mass Destruction Free Zones,

Resolves:

1. **To express its appreciation** for the work performed by the Working Group in the design of the “Course on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education” submitted to the General Conference in Report SG.28.29013. To thank the representatives of Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, and Argentina, serving the latter as Group Coordinator, as well as the Secretary-General for her commitment to the works of this Group.
2. **To welcome** the recommendations of the Working Group on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education contained in Report SG.28.2013.

3. **To appoint** Ambassador Gioconda Ubeda Rivera as Academic Coordinator of the “Course on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education” following the recommendation of the Working Group and the Council, and in consideration of her academic qualities.

4. **To renew** the mandate of the Working Group in order to complete the design and contents of the “Course on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education”. The Working Group shall submit to the General Conference at its next session, in 2014, a progress report.

5. **To acknowledge** the efforts made by OPANAL, as well as the commitment of Member States and the Secretary-General to promote concrete actions in favour of Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education.

6. **To continue** to work with Administrations, International Organizations, the academic sector, organized civil society and media on programmes on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education.

7. **To request** the Secretariat General to inform all Member States and relevant International Organizations about the content of this Resolution.

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held on 22 August 2013)

