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Resolution

Interpretative Declarations made by the States Party to the Additional Protocols I and II to the Treaty of Tlatelolco

The General Conference,

Recalling with satisfaction that all States of Latin America and the Caribbean are Parties to the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean – Treaty of Tlatelolco;

Bearing in mind that, consequently, the Zone of Application established in Article 4 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco is fully in force;

Taking into consideration that Additional Protocols I and II to the Treaty of Tlatelolco are essential for the efficacy of the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Latin America and the Caribbean;

Highlighting that the States Party to Additional Protocols I and II to the Treaty of Tlatelolco have legally committed themselves to “undertake, therefore, not to contribute in any way to the performance of acts involving a violation of the obligations of Article 1 of the Treaty in the territories to which the Treaty applies in accordance with Article 4 thereof”, and “not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against the Contracting Parties of the Treaty”,

Aware that the 50th Anniversary of the conclusion of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and its Additional Protocols will be commemorated on 14 February 2017;

Reaffirming that, through the full observance of its obligations under the Treaty of Tlatelolco, the region of Latin America and the Caribbean remains a political and legal benchmark for the strengthening of the non-proliferation regime and a source of inspiration to achieve the common objective of the ban and total elimination of nuclear weapons at the global level;

Recalling United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2028 (XX), mentioned in the preamble of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, “which established the principle of an acceptable balance of mutual responsibilities and duties for the nuclear and non-nuclear powers”;

Reaffirming the Special declarations on nuclear disarmament of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), in which OPANAL Member States have requested, *inter alia*, respect for the denuclearized status of Latin America and the Caribbean, and the withdrawal by nuclear-weapon States of their interpretative declarations to the Additional Protocols I and II to the Treaty of Tlatelolco that are incompatible with the purpose and spirit of the latter;

Considering General Conference Resolutions CG/E/Res.430, dated 26 November 2002; CG/Res.447, dated 6 November 2003; CG/E/Res.461, dated 23 November 2004; CG/Res.477, dated 8 November 2005; and CG/Res.515, dated 26 November 2009, CG/Res.536, dated 17 November 2011; and CG/Res.554, dated 22 August 2013, which promote the review of the interpretative declarations made by the States Party when signing and/or ratifying Additional Protocols I and II to the Treaty of Tlatelolco;

Recalling also that, through resolution CG/E/Res.568 adopted by its XXIII Special Session, the General Conference instructed the Secretary-General “to submit to the Member States, for their consideration and approval, a plan of action with a view to achieving the review or withdrawal of the Interpretative Declarations that States Parties to the Additional Protocols to the Treaty of Tlatelolco made to such instruments”;

Taking into account that, through resolution CG/Res.03/2015 adopted on 26 November 2015 by its XXIV Session, the General Conference resolved “to instruct the Council to make the necessary decisions for the implementation of the action plan presented by the Secretary-General in document CG/05/2015Corr.”,

Resolves:

1. **To welcome** the Memoranda of the Secretary-General approved by the Council on the interpretative declarations made by the French Republic and the Russian Federation to Additional Protocols I and II to the Treaty of Tlatelolco (Documents C/29/2016, C/30/2016 and C/31/2016).
2. **To instruct** the Council to commence *démarches* with the Governments of the Russian Federation and the French Republic, according to the plan of action proposed by the Secretary-General (Document CG/05/2015Corr.), in order to present the memoranda C/29/2016 and C/30/2016 to the Russian Federation and C/31/2016 to the French Republic.
3. **To instruct** the Secretary-General to provide the Council with the necessary support for the *démarches* with the Russian Federation and the French Republic, which will be presented to the competent authorities in the capitals of both States.
4. **To urge** the Secretary-General to keep the Member States informed about the *démarches* of the Council with the Russian Federation and the French Republic.
5. **To request** the Secretary-General to present to the Council, according to the plan of action (Document CG/05/2015Corr.), proposals on the interpretative declarations made by the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in 2017.