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Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean

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Resolution

Financial obligations of the Member States

Status of collection of assessed contributions

The General Conference,

Bearing in mind that the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean – Treaty of Tlatelolco – on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of its opening for signature was included in the Memory of the World Register of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization – UNESCO;

Considering that the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean – OPANAL is an integral part of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, established by its Article 7;

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 9 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, which establishes that “*the General Conference shall adopt the Agency’s budget and fix the scale of financial contributions to be paid by Member States*”;

Noting that the status of collection of assessed contributions reaches US\$ 157,618.31 as of 14 November 2018, equivalent to only 37.80% of the Financial Year 2018 Budget;

Noting with satisfaction that fifteen Member States, those being Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Grenada, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Saint Lucia are up-to-date with their 2018 financial obligations to the Agency;

Recognizing that three Member States, those being Guatemala, Honduras and Peru have partially paid their assessed contributions for 2018, the sum of the outstanding balances of the three States amounts to US \$5,883.69 (1.41%);

Considering that fifteen Member States have not yet paid their assessed contributions for 2018, summing US \$253,487.00 (60.79%) of the Budget;

Considering that eleven of those Member States have not paid their assessed contributions for 2017, which amounts to US \$173,107.51;

Considering that eight of those same Member States have not paid their assessed contributions for 2016, summing US \$64,223.53;

Considering that six of those Member States have not paid their assessed contributions for 2015, summing US \$16,123.99;

Considering that four of those Member States have not paid their assessed contributions for 2014, 2013 and 2012, summing US \$15,937.72;

Bearing in mind that three Member States have not paid their assessed contributions since they ratified the Treaty of Tlatelolco, summing a debt as of 2011 of US \$259,875.23;

Considering that the assessed contributions in arrears to the Agency sum a total of US \$788,638.68, corresponding to a 189% of the 2018 Budget;

Bearing in mind that an Organization with the political importance of OPANAL, which gathers all the States of Latin America and the Caribbean, should not be threatened by financial crises.

Resolves:

1. **To recognize and thank** the efforts of the Member States that are up-to-date with their financial obligations to the Agency.
2. **To renew** its call on Member States to pay in full their assessed contributions approved by the General Conference, in accordance with Article 9, section 3 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.

3. **To reiterate** that the existence of the Agency and the performance of its work, and hence the integrity and permanence of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, depend on the Agency having the financial resources provided for in the decisions of the General Conference.
4. **To request** the Council to continue considering the matter in order to avoid a situation of insolvency of the Agency, giving, as the case may be, the pertinent instructions to the Secretary-General.