



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

## General Conference

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### Resolution

#### OPANAL Headquarters

**The General Conference,**

**Considering** that the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean –Treaty of Tlatelolco, in its Article 7, establishes that:

*“1. In order to ensure compliance with the obligations of this Treaty, the Contracting Parties hereby establish an international organization to be known as the “Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean”, hereinafter referred to as “the Agency”. Only the Contracting Parties shall be affected by its decisions.*

*2. The Agency shall be responsible for the holding of periodic or extraordinary consultations among Member States on matters relating to the purposes, measures and procedures set forth in this Treaty and to the supervision of compliance with the obligations arising there from.*

*3. The Contracting Parties agree to extend to the Agency full and prompt co-operation in accordance with the provisions of this Treaty, of any agreements they may conclude with the Agency and of any agreements the Agency may conclude with any other international organization or body.*

*4. The headquarters of the Agency shall be in Mexico City.”*

**Considering further** that, in conformity with that same article, OPANAL started functioning, with the entry into force of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, on 29 April 1969;

**Recalling** the “Agreement between the United Mexican States and the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean regarding the establishment of its Headquarters in Mexico”, signed on 6 February 2003;

**Highlighting** that the Treaty of Tlatelolco, reason for pride of Latin America and the Caribbean, commemorated its 50<sup>o</sup> Anniversary on 14 February 2017 and OPANAL will complete 50 years of functioning in 2019;

**Bearing in mind** that on 2 September 1969 the I Period of Sessions of the General Conference of OPANAL was held in Mexico City and that, in its almost 50 years of functioning, OPANAL has not had a permanent and independent installation;

**Mindful** that the permanent obligation of paying lease constitutes a heavy burden on OPANAL’s budget, currently representing near 16% of the budget, which could allow increased investment in activities and initiatives that the Agency’s agenda requires;

**Keeping in mind** that an intergovernmental organization should not be in a situation of uncertainty regarding its installation;

**Considering, therefore,** that OPANAL should have a permanent Headquarters, adequate for its activities.

**Resolves:**

1. **To request** the participation and support of all Members States to ensure that OPANAL has permanent and independent Headquarters, as soon as possible.
2. **To mandate** the Council to continue with the analysis and discussion of the considerations contained in document CG/E/14/2018, and to present a report to the General Conference at its next Session.