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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. Proposal of payment plans.

The General Conference,

Noting that, at its XXIV Session, held on 26 November 2015, the General Conference adopted a payment programme (CG/Res.12/2015) for seven Member States that, after having ratified the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean -Treaty of Tlatelolco, had not paid their assessed contributions; and that three of those Member States - those being Dominica, Grenada and the Dominican Republic – accepted said payment programme;

Recalling that, at its XXIV Special Session held on 10 November 2016, the General Conference renewed and updated the payment programme for four Member States – those being El Salvador, Haiti, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines - through Resolution CG/E/Res.06/2016;

Recalling that Saint Lucia responded favourably to the payment programme by paying off its debt as of 2015, and that it has paid its assessed contributions for years 2016 and 2017;

Recalling further that Article 5, section 5.05, of the Financial Regulations establishes that “in the event that a Member State is in arrears for more than two years, the General Conference shall decide on the measures to be taken and may delegate to the Council the negotiation on the mechanism of payment of arrears”;

Recalling that OPANAL, which is recognized by the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) as “the specialized body in the region for articulating common positions and joint actions on nuclear disarmament”, and which maintains a relationship with other international organizations such as the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), should not be threatened by financial crises,

Resolves:

1. **To recognize and thank** the efforts of those Member States that are promptly meeting their financial obligations to the Agency;
2. **To thank** the effort of those Member States that accepted the payment programmes proposed in 2015 and 2016;
3. **To renew** its call on all Member States to pay in full the assessed contributions that they approved in the General Conference, in accordance with article 9, paragraph 3 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco;
4. **To propose** a payment plan to regularize the situation of the three Member States that, after having ratified the Treaty of Tlatelolco, have not paid their assessed contributions;
5. **To adopt** the following payment plan:
 - a) Haiti shall pay its arrears up to 2017 with an 80% discount, amounting therefore to US\$ 25,261.78;
 - b) El Salvador and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines shall pay their arrears up to 2017 with a 50% discount, amounting therefore to US\$ 62,619.24 and US\$ 17,388.34, respectively;
 - c) The three Member States concerned are invited to communicate in writing their opinion on this payment plan before 31 January 2018;
 - d) Each of the three Member States concerned will set a timeframe, not exceeding three years, for the payment of its arrears with the discount mentioned above;
 - e) The payment plan includes the assessed contribution for 2017, each of the three Member States concerned shall agree to continue to pay, in a timely manner, their respective annual assessed contributions, as of 2018, in accordance with Article 5, paragraph 5.03, of the Financial Regulations;
6. **To instruct** the Secretary-General to undertake all possible efforts towards building a closer relationship with those Member States that would benefit from the payment plan in order for them to be fully involved in the activities of the Agency;
7. **To reiterate** that the existence of the Agency and the performance of its work depend on the availability of the corresponding financial resources.