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Resolution

Modernization of OPANAL's information and communication technologies

The General Conference,

Conscious of the importance of information and communication technologies for the proper functioning of intergovernmental bodies and the Secretariat of OPANAL, as well as for the educational and public communication activities of the Agency;

Bearing in mind that eleven Member States do not have resident diplomatic representations at the Headquarters of the Agency, so their effective participation in the deliberations of intergovernmental bodies may depend on the stability, quality, and reliability of information and communication technologies;

Emphasizing that the timely and effective circulation of working documents to OPANAL members is a fundamental requirement for the proper functioning of governance bodies;

Also emphasizing that the publication of OPANAL's official documents on its website is part of its mandate for the dissemination of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and disarmament education;

Bearing in mind that the Committee on Contributions, Administrative, and Budgetary Matters has identified a significant deficit in relation to the information and communication technologies used by the Secretariat and instructed the Secretary to address it promptly;

Resolves:

1. **To reiterate** to the Secretariat that the stability, quality, and reliability of the information and communication technologies used by the organization, both hardware and software, are essential elements for the proper functioning of OPANAL;

2. **To thank** the Secretariat for the actions already taken to implement the instructions on the subject provided by CCAAP in 2023;
3. **To express gratitude** to the Federative Republic of Brazil for their donation of computer equipment, which, together with other equipment acquired by OPANAL, has significantly improved the organization's functioning;
4. **To reiterate** that, to prevent them from becoming obsolete, the Secretariat's computer equipment should ideally have a lifespan of less than four years and must have the necessary software licenses;
5. **To reiterate** that the comprehensive information holdings of the Secretariat must be securely backed up in the "cloud";
6. **To entrust** the Secretariat with the preparation of a work schedule for the new OPANAL website project, to be presented to CCAAP at its final meeting in 2023, with the aim of enabling the Committee to provide appropriate support to the Secretariat's work and to complete the project before June 30, 2024.
7. **To entrust** CCAAP to include the "Modernization of OPANAL's information and communication technologies" as part of its work program for 2024, in order to, among other things, conduct an annual evaluation of the information technology services contracted by OPANAL in 2023;
8. **To determine** that the reserved amount titled "Asset Replacement" be funded from the Reserve Fund whenever it exceeds the amount equivalent to one year's budget of the Agency, in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 5 of the Financial Regulations¹, and considering that the reserved amount "Asset Replacement" is part of the General Fund.

¹ Article 12, paragraph 5 of the Financial Regulations establishes that: "In the event that the Reserve Fund exceed substantially the total Member States' annual Financial Contributions, the Secretary General may propose to the Council to transfer resources from the Reserve Fund to the General Fund."