



OPANAL
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Resolution
Headquarters of OPANAL

The General Conference,

Whereas the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean – Treaty of Tlatelolco, sets forth in Article 7 that “4. *The headquarters of the Agency shall be in Mexico City*”

Considering that, in accordance with the same Article, the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) began its functions with the entry in force of the Treaty of Tlatelolco on 29 April 1969, and that on 2 September of the same year the General Conference convened its First Period of Regular Sessions in Mexico City,

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 the its Headquarters in Mexico” was signed on 6 February 2003;

Keeping in mind that the Mexican government expressed at the VI Period of Extraordinary Sessions of the General Conference held on 10 September 1991, its will to “obtain, without any cost to the Agency, an adequate facility so OPANAL can accommodate its headquarters”, an offer that the General Conference thanked through resolution CG/E/Res.289 and afterwards in resolution CG/E/Res.319 at the VIII Period of Extraordinary Sessions held on 18 January 1994;

Emphasizing that the Treaty of Tlatelolco, source of pride for Latin America and the Caribbean, celebrated its 50^o Anniversary on 14 February 2017, and that OPANAL is celebrating its 50^o Anniversary in 2019;

Keeping in mind that in those 50 years of functions, the Agency has never had its own permanent headquarters;

Mindful that the constant obligation of paying lease constitutes a heavy burden to the annual budget of the Agency, currently representing about 18 per cent of it, which could be invested in activities and initiatives that the Agency's busy agenda demands;

Taking into account that an intergovernmental organization must not be in an uncertain situation to the possibility of being evicted;

Considering, therefore, necessary that OPANAL shall have its own permanent, visible, independent and adequate facility to accommodate its headquarters;

Resolves to:

1. **Request** the participation and support of all Member States in order to ensure an independent and permanent facility in which OPANAL accommodates its Headquarters as soon as possible.
2. **Mandate** the Council to continue the analysis and discussion of the considerations of document CG/14/2019, and to present a report to the General Conference in its next session.
3. **Express its hope** that the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean could soon accommodate its permanent headquarters.
4. **Mandate** the Secretary-General of maintaining the matter "Headquarters of OPANAL" in the agendas of the Council and the General Conference until this issue is resolved.