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Resolution

Measures to support compliance with the financial obligations established by the Treaty of Tlatelolco

The General Conference,

Recalling that the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean – Treaty of Tlatelolco, in Article 9, paragraph 3, states that: "The General Conference shall adopt the Agency's budget and fix the scale of financial contributions to be paid by the Member States, taking into account the systems and criteria used for the same purpose by the United Nations";

Noting that Article 29 of the Financial Regulations¹ provides that: "In the event that a Member State be in arrears for more than two years, the Secretary-General shall present a proposed payment plan to the CCAAP and the Council for their sanction. Said payment plan will be subject to the approval of the General Conference";

Bearing in mind that El Salvador, [~~the only historical debtor to the OPANAL,~~] (**El Salvador**) has expressed its interest and willingness to continue with the necessary efforts related to improving its financial situation with the Agency.

Taking into account that Antigua and Barbuda has a debt since 2013, Venezuela since 2015, Suriname since 2016, Honduras and Dominica since 2020;

Indicating that the Secretary-General has held various meetings with Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Honduras, Surinam and Venezuela;

Recognizing the efforts of the Secretariat to maintain the full functioning of OPANAL with a zero nominal growth budget since 2015 to 2023.

¹ Inf.01/2019

Resolves:

1. **To instruct** the Secretary-General to continue making the necessary contacts and efforts to ensure that El Salvador, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Suriname, Honduras and Venezuela overcome the breach of the financial obligation contained in Article 9.3 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco in which they find themselves and that their full incorporation into the activities of the Agency be achieved.
2. **To approve** the program of discounted payments proposed by the Secretary-General, to regularize the situation of the six Member States - El Salvador, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Suriname, Honduras and Venezuela - that have a debt of more than two years, consisting of the following provisions:
 - a) payment of their contributions due until 2022 with a 50% discount for El Salvador;
 - b) payment of their contributions due until 2022 with a 20% discount for Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Suriname, Honduras and Venezuela;
 - c) each of the aforementioned Member States shall state in writing, no later than 31 March 2024, their acceptance of the proposed payment plan to regularize their situation;
 - d) the payment plan is detailed in accordance with the following annexed table.
 - e) the Government of El Salvador will be able to make the payment of its debts in 4 (four) stages: 1) USD 16,500.00 on 01/04/2024; 2) USD 16,500.00 on 01/05/2024; 3) USD 16,500.00 on 01/06/2024; 4) USD 17,289.25 on 01/07/2024.
3. **To instruct** the Secretary-General to report to the Council about his efforts and the outcome thereof.

Member State	Debt to 31/12/2022 (USD)	Discount according to the payment plan	Total amount to be deducted (USD)	Total amount to be paid (USD)
El Salvador	133,578.50	50%	66,789.25	66,789.25

Antigua and Barbuda	16,094.65	20%	3,218.93	12,875.72
Dominica	4,629.00	20%	925.80	3,703.20
Suriname	10,801.00	20%	2,160.20	8,640.80
Honduras	4,661.00	20%	932.20	3,728.80
Venezuela	335,282.99	20%	67,056.59	268,226.40