

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AGENCY FOR THE PROHIBITION
OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA AND
THE PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM SECRETARIAT**

WHEREAS the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) is in charge of all matters related with the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco);

WHEREAS the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat is the Depository of the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty (Treaty of Rarotonga) and is in charge of all matters related to such Treaty;

WHEREAS the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) and the Pacific Islands Forum have converging interests, resulting in the need to improve cooperation and coordination among the Secretariats of both agencies to preserve the Zones defined in the Treaty of Tlatelolco and Treaty of Rarotonga as Nuclear Weapons Free Zones;

NOW THEREFORE, the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I
Cooperation and Consultation

The Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (hereinafter referred to as "OPANAL"), and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (hereinafter referred to as "Forum Secretariat"), with a view to facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in the Treaty of Tlatelolco and the Treaty of Rarotonga, agree to act in close cooperation and consult each other regularly regarding matters of common interest.

ARTICLE II
Meetings

1. If possible, the Secretary General of OPANAL and the Secretary General of the Forum Secretariat, or a representative of such agencies, shall meet on an annual basis in order to comply with the present Agreement, in order to achieve a closer cooperation between them and to consult each other regarding matters of common interest.
2. The annual meetings shall be held in the city of New York at the time both the Secretary General of OPANAL and the Secretary General of the Forum Secretariat attend an event in the United Nations, unless both officials decide to meet in another city, provided that this decision does not imply an additional cost.
3. In a special manner, the Secretary General of OPANAL and the Secretary General of the Forum Secretariat, shall consult each other to promote an international conference of the State Parties of the Nuclear Weapons Free Zones and to ensure the success of such conference.

4. The Forum Secretariat shall be invited to assign representatives to attend the regular meetings of the General Conference of OPANAL and to participate without vote in the deliberations of such Agency.

ARTICLE III

Exchange of Information and Documents

OPANAL and the Forum Secretariat agree to exchange information, publications and documents on matters of common interest, subject to any limitations which either party considers to be necessary for safeguarding the information, which, in its judgment, or according to its rules, has a confidential character, and subject to any obligation which it may have to third parties.

ARTICLE IV

Implementation of the Agreement

1. OPANAL and the Forum Secretariat may request from each other cooperation in matters of common interest, subject to the confidentiality policies of both agencies.
2. Should the cooperation requested involve the assistance of one party to another under the terms of this Agreement, and compliance with such request would involve substantial expenditures by the party complying with the request, consultation shall take place with a view to determining the most equitable manner of meeting such expenditure.
3. OPANAL and the Forum Secretariat may enter into such administrative arrangements as deemed convenient in the light of the practical experience of the two agencies.
4. The Secretariats of the two agencies shall maintain a close working relationship in accordance with such arrangements, as may have been agreed upon from time to time.

ARTICLE V

Notification to the United Nations, Filing and Recording

1. In compliance with its Agreement with the United Nations, OPANAL and the Forum Secretariat shall inform the United Nations forthwith of the terms of this Agreement.
2. As soon as this agreement is enforced, in conformity with the provisions of Article VIII, OPANAL and the Forum Secretariat shall communicate this fact to the Secretary General of the United Nations, for filing and recording.

ARTICLE VI

Revision of the Agreement

This agreement may be revised by mutual consent of the two agencies.

ARTICLE VII

Denunciation of the Agreement

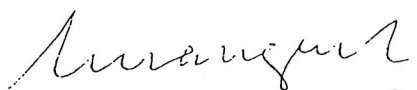
OPANAL and/or the Forum Secretariat may denounce this agreement by giving six month's notice in advance to the other party.

ARTICLE VIII

Entry into Force

This agreement shall enter into force upon signature by the Secretary General of OPANAL and the Secretary General of the Forum Secretariat, once the regulations required by each of the Agencies have been complied with.

DONE this 11 day of February, 2003, in duplicate in English and Spanish, being the texts in both languages equally authentic.



Ambassador Edmundo Vargas Carreño
Secretary General
By the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear
Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean
(OPANAL)



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Secretary General
By the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

