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**Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade Award for Nuclear Disarmament and
Non-Proliferation**

In compliance with resolution CG/E/Res.09/2024, adopted by the XXVIII Special Session of the General Conference on 28 November 2024 entitled “*Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade Award for Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation*”, the working group established to develop and adopt the regulations ruling the award presents the following for consideration of the Council of OPANAL:

- RULES -

In compliance with resolution CG/Res.10/2023, adopted by the XXVIII Session of the General Conference, on 3 November 2023, by which the “*Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade Award for Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation*” was established, and following up resolution CG/E/Res.09/2024, adopted by the XXVIII Special Session of the General Conference on 28 November 2024, the Council of OPANAL adopted the present Rules:

1. The Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade Prize for Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation shall be awarded by OPANAL on a yearly basis with the objective of recognizing and stimulating the importance of fostering academic contributions to the field of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation by authors from the Latin American and Caribbean region as a tribute to the intellectual legacy of Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade;
2. The Council shall contemplate its Work Plan for each year the issues concerning each edition of the Award, including the work schedule, the jury and possible prizes;
3. The Secretariat will in charge of following up on the dates established by the Council and report on the status of each stage of the process;
4. Nationals of the 33 States Parties to the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco), which are also Member States of OPANAL, may participate. If any of the papers have more than one author, one of the authors must comply with this condition.
5. Texts may be submitted in any of the official languages of the General Conference; English, French, Portuguese, or Spanish.
6. The Secretariat shall compile the papers submitted to the competition and shall ensure that they are presented in accordance with the terms of each call for papers:

7. The Secretariat will submit the papers to the Jury for blind evaluation, which implies that they will not contain any element of identification of the author(s) so that they may be examined in conditions of total anonymity;
8. The Jury, which shall be determined by the Council prior to the announcement of each edition of the Award and may be made up of:
 - a. The Delegations of the Members of the Council, accredited in Mexico, according to its composition in effect at the time the Call is published;
 - b. Up to three additional jurors appointed by the OPANAL Membership. These may be external jurors or Delegations of OPANAL Member States that are not part of the Council;
 - c. The Secretary-General of OPANAL, who shall serve as Chair of the Jury.
9. In any case, the selected Jury shall be able to evaluate the works according to the following criteria established for the Award
 - a. Relevance
 - b. Originality
 - c. Methodology
 - d. Conclusions
10. The Jury will not receive any remuneration. Their participation in the evaluation process will be pro-bono.
11. The Council will decide, prior to each call, the award(s) for each edition, according to budgetary availability.

The call (Annex I) for the second edition of the Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade Award for Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation is presented by the representation of the Argentine Republic as the coordinating delegation of the working group established to comply with the resolution CG/E/Res.09/2024.

ANNEX I**- C A L L -***Second Edition**[7 May 2025]***Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade Award for Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation¹**

The Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) presents the call for the “Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade Award for Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation”.

Objective:

- To recognize and stimulate the importance of fostering academic contributions to the field of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation by authors from the Latin American and the Caribbean region;
- To pay tribute to the intellectual legacy of Augusto Cançado Trindade, an outstanding professor and judge of the International Court of Justice, particularly for his defense of the inherent right to live in a world free of nuclear weapons;

Bases:

- Nationals of the 33 States Parties to the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco), which are also Member States of OPANAL, may participate.
- The competition is open to submissions focused on topics related to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, with a preferred emphasis on issues addressed by the Treaty of Tlatelolco and the role of nuclear-weapon-free zones, which meet the following criteria:
 1. Text format: article
 2. Length: 15–20 pages for articles, without the bibliography
 3. Formatting and font: Times New Roman, size 12, 1.5 line spacing, with APA citation style
 4. Language: Submissions may be presented in any of the official languages of the OPANAL General Conference: Spanish, French, English, or Portuguese
 5. Each individual may submit only one text, which must be original and unpublished (not published prior to the announcement of the winning text of

¹ Established by resolution “Establishment of the Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade Award for Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation” (CG/Res.10/2023), adopted by the XXVIII Session of the General Conference, held on 3 November 2023; and resolution “Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade Award for Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation” (CG/E/Res.09/2024), adopted by the XVIII Special Session of the General Conference, held on 28 November 2024;

each edition). In the case of co-authorship, the text may be prepared by a maximum of two individuals, of whom at least one must be a national of an OPANAL Member State, and the other preferably a national of a State that is a Member of another nuclear-weapon-freezone.

- The deadline for the submission of documents will be 15 of October 2025.
- The texts submitted to the contest must be accompanied by the following documentation:
 1. Reliable information that accredits the trajectory of the author(s): academic record, curriculum vitae or other relevant publications.
 2. The papers should be sent, in Word or PDF format, to the OPANAL Secretariat by e-mail to the address secretaria@opanal.org.
 3. An abstract of the text of 150–500 should be included.

Jury:

- The jury will evaluate the works anonymously and will consist of the following members:
 1. The Secretary-General of OPANAL
 2. The Delegations of the Members of the Council, accredited in Mexico, according to its composition in effect at the time the Call is published;
 3. Up to three additional jurors appointed by the OPANAL Membership

Criteria:

- Only those documents that comply with all the requirements stipulated by this Call for Proposals will be evaluated considering:
 1. Relevance
 2. Originality
 3. Methodology
 4. Conclusions

Prize:

- The winner(s) of the Award will be announced at the last Council meeting of the year 2025.
- On 14 February 2026, on the anniversary of the opening for signature of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, an award ceremony will be held to recognize the winner(s) of the Award. If applicable, the diploma will be sent through the corresponding Embassy.
- The first place winner will be invited by the OPANAL Council to present his/her work in person or virtually.
- The winning article will be published on the OPANAL website.