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**COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION C/Res. 44**

**FULFILLMENT OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
NOTIFICATION OF THE XX REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**

**The Council,**

**Recalling** that by Resolution CG/E/Res.406 (E-XV) Ambassador Edmundo Vargas Carreño was elected Secretary General for the period from June 1 to December 31, 2001 in accordance with Article 11, paragraph 1, of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean;

**Taking into account** that said Resolution of the General Conference resolved to extend the mandate of Ambassador Edmundo Vargas Carreño through December 31, 2005, based on Article 9, numeral 2, subparagraph c of the Treaty of Tlatelolco;

**Recalling also** that by Resolution 486 (XIX) Ambassador Edmundo Vargas Carreño was reelected for the period from January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2009;

**Taking note** that Ambassador Edmundo Vargas Carreño informed the Council at its 228<sup>th</sup> Session on June 12, 2007, that due to the Agency's financial problems he was tendering his resignation to the post of Secretary General;

**Emphasizing** the deliberations and various proposals presented by the Ad Hoc Working Group on the financial contingency facing OPANAL;

**Considering** that Council Resolution C/Res.43 "Interim Functions of the Council in view of the Resignation of the Secretary General," resolved that this organ "assume the duties of the Secretariat General until the necessary conditions are given to comply with Articles 11 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and 71 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;"

**Bearing in mind** that as of July 1, 2007, the Presidents in charge of the Council have been assuming the responsibilities of the Secretary General of OPANAL for two-month periods;

**Taking into account** the deliberations of this Council within the framework of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and in consultation with the other OPANAL Member States on the expediency of establishing a transition period and designating a Deputy Secretary General to complete the

mandate of Ambassador Edmundo Vargas Carreño during the next Regular Session of the General Conference,

**Resolves:**

1. **To convene** in accordance with Article 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, the XX Regular Session of said body to be held on Thursday, 22 November 2007.
2. **To recommend** that the General Conference adopt the Council's proposal to establish a transition period and appoint a Deputy Secretary General to complete the mandate of the resigning Secretary General, until such time that a stable financial system can be established to ensure the proper functioning of the Agency.
3. **To suggest** that the General Conference at its XX Regular Session consider the draft "Provisional Agenda" CG/613 Prov. (appendix I), Draft Resolution CG/L.517 "Appointment of the Deputy Secretary General. Transition Period," (appendix II), and Draft Resolution CG/L. 518 "Discount Program for the Payment of Contributions. Contingency/Emergency Fund."
4. **To entrust** the current President of the Council to transmit the text of this Resolution to the Member States as soon as possible.

(Adopted at the 230<sup>th</sup> Regular Session  
of the Council held on October 4, 2007)