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**COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION C/Res.52**

**Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Africa**

**The Council,**

**Recalling** the preamble of the Treaty of Tlatelolco which states that “the military denuclearization of vast geographical zones, adopted by the sovereign decision of the States comprised therein, will exercise a beneficial influence on other regions where similar conditions exist;”

**Recalling further** the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa, issued by the Heads of African States and Governments of the Organization of the African Unity during its first Ordinary Session in Cairo, from 17 to 21 July 1964, which committed the African States to negotiate an international agreement, to be concluded under the auspices of the United Nations not to manufacture or acquire control of nuclear weapons;

**Recalling also** the signing of the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (Treaty of Pelindaba) in Cairo on 11 April 1996;

**Convinced** that the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones is an important step toward strengthening the nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation regime and the promotion of regional and international peace and security;

**Reiterating** the provisions of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly which “called upon the nuclear-weapon States to take steps to assure the non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons;”

**Bearing in mind** the Declaration of the Conference on Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones, adopted in Mexico on 28 April 2005, which expresses the interest of the States Parties and

Signatories to Treaties that Establish Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones in promoting cooperation and consultation mechanisms among themselves,

**Resolves:**

1. **To welcome with satisfaction** the entry into force of the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone with the ratification of the Government of Burundi on 15 July 2009.
2. **To call upon** African States that have not yet done so to sign and ratify the Treaty of Pelindaba as soon as possible.
3. **To exhort** the nuclear-weapon States and any other State contemplated in the Protocols of the Treaty of Pelindaba that have not yet signed and ratified them to do so as soon as possible.
4. **To reaffirm our commitment** to fulfill the common objectives established in the Treaties of Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok, Pelindaba, Central Asia and the Nuclear-Weapon-Free State of Mongolia in order to promote nuclear-weapon-free zones and to contribute to strengthen the NPT regime and achieve nuclear disarmament.
5. **To entrust** the Secretariat General to deliver the text of this Resolution to the President of the Commission of the African Union, to the States Parties of OPANAL, to the Secretary General of the United Nations and to the Focal Points of the other Nuclear-Weapons-Free Zones.

(Adopted by the Council  
on August 20, 2009)