



# OPANAL GENERAL CONFERENCE

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### Resolution

#### **Interpretative Declarations made by the States Party to the Additional Protocols I and II to the Treaty of Tlatelolco**

**The General Conference,**

**Recalling with satisfaction** that all States of Latin America and the Caribbean are Parties to the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean – Treaty of Tlatelolco,

**Bearing in mind** that, consequently, the zone of application established in Article 4 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco is in full validity,

**Reaffirming** that, through the full observance and fulfilment of its obligations under the Treaty of Tlatelolco, the region of Latin America and the Caribbean remains a political and legal benchmark for the strengthening of the non-proliferation regime, and a source of inspiration to achieve the common objective of a total ban and destruction of nuclear weapons at the global level,

**Highlighting** that the States Party to the Additional Protocols I and II to the Treaty of Tlatelolco have legally committed themselves to “undertake, therefore, not to contribute in any way to the performance of acts involving a violation of the obligations of article 1 of the Treaty in the territories to which the Treaty applies in accordance with article 4 thereof”, and “not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against the Contracting Parties of the Treaty”,

**Reiterating** United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2028 (XX), mentioned in the preamble of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, “which established the principle of an acceptable balance of mutual responsibilities and duties for the nuclear and non-nuclear powers”,

**Reaffirming** the Special declarations on nuclear disarmament of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), in which OPANAL Member States have requested, *inter alia*, respect for the denuclearized status of Latin America and the Caribbean, and the withdrawal by nuclear-weapon States of their interpretative declarations to the Additional Protocols I and II to the Treaty of Tlatelolco that are incompatible with the purpose and spirit of the latter,

**Considering** General Conference Resolutions CG/E/Res.430, dated 26 November 2002; CG/Res.447, dated 6 November 2003; CG/E/Res.461, dated 23 November 2004; CG/Res.477, dated 8 November 2005; and CG/Res.515, dated 26 November 2009, CG/Res.536, dated 17 November 2011; and CG/Res.554, dated 22 August 2013, which promoted the review of the interpretative declarations made by the States Party in signing and/or ratifying the Additional Protocols I and II to the Treaty of Tlatelolco,

**Recalling also** that, through resolution CG/E/Res.568 adopted during the XXIII Special Session, the General Conference instructed the Secretary-General “to submit to the Member States, for their consideration and approval, a plan of action with a view to achieving the review or withdrawal of the Interpretative Declarations that States Parties to the Additional Protocols to the Treaty of Tlatelolco made to such instruments”,

**Resolves:**

1. **To welcome** the Memorandum of the Secretary-General on the interpretative declarations made by States Party to the Additional Protocols I and II to the Treaty of Tlatelolco, which is contained in document CG/05/2015.
2. **To instruct** the Council to make the necessary decisions for the implementation of the action plan presented by the Secretary-General in document CG/05/2015.
3. **To instruct** the Secretary-General to keep the Member States informed about said decisions and their execution.