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RESOLUTION CG/Res.553
SECRETARY-GENERAL’S REPORT

The General Conference,

Having received the Secretary-General’s Report covering the period from 14 November 2012 to 30 July 2013, document CG/656;

Acknowledging the leadership and commitment with which Ambassador Gioconda Ubeda assumed the revitalization process of the Agency since taking office as OPANAL Secretary-General in February 2010;

Bearing in mind the progress made by the three Working-Groups formed by mandate of the General Conference in Resolutions CGE21/Res.546, 547 and 551, adopted on 13 November 2012;

Considering that in 2013, for the first time, all Member States complied with their Biannual Reports related to the Control System of the Treaty of Tlatelolco; and that between 2012 and 2013 three States signed and ratified the three Amendments to the Treaty of Tlatelolco (Antigua and Barbuda, Trinidad and Tobago, and Saint Kitts and Nevis);

Taking into account that negotiations on the recovery of financial obligations to the Agency led to a historical increase in the collection of contributions;

Also taking into account the resignation of Ambassador Gioconda Ubeda from the position of OPANAL Secretary-General as of 31 July 2013, as she was appointed Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica,
Resolves:

1. **To thank** the Report of the Secretary-General (Doc.CG/656) and to express its appreciation for the work done over the three and a half years that she led the Agency, especially for the promotion of the revitalization process of the Agency and the consolidation of its Strategic Agenda contained in Resolution CG/Res.554.

2. **To thank** Ambassador Gioconda Ubeda for the commitment and leadership with which she served as Secretary-General.

3. **To instruct** the Council to examine the Secretary-General’s Report in 2014; and to incorporate into its agenda the proposals adopted by the General Conference.

4. **To request** the Secretariat General to inform all Member States about the content of this Resolution.

(Adopted at the 115th Session held on 22 August 2013)