RESOLUTION 162 (VIII)

PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY

The General Conference,

Recalling that Article 17 of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America recognizes that the peaceful use of nuclear energy is a sovereign right of the States Parties to the Treaty and stresses the importance of the use of this energy in the economic development and social progress of its peoples;

Convinced that the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America should complement its already effective contribution as regards disarmament and peace, with an effective contribution to regional development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes;

Reaffirming once again the importance of making the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America one of the regional instruments which contributes to the planning and coordination of Latin American efforts for the full and efficient peaceful use of nuclear energy;

Recalling its Resolutions 2 (I), 22 (I), 23 (I), 24 (I), 38 (I), 66 (III), 94 (V), 127 (VI) and 146 (VII);

Recalling also the Declaration of the Second Extraordinary Session, adopted on February 14, 1977, in which the General Conference proclaims its conviction "to promote the use of nuclear energy in Latin America,
co-ordinating the efforts, in this regard, of Member countries and aiming at the regional planning of the peaceful use of this energy;";

Considering necessary the materialization of its earlier resolutions on the subject;

Having examined the Memorandum of the Secretary General titled "Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy" (Doc. CG/243);

Considering that the preparation of the inventory of needs in respect of the peaceful use of nuclear energy by States Parties to the Treaty of Tlatelolco, is essential, whereby a programme of regional cooperation on the peaceful use of this energy may be carried out;

Recognizing the existence of a number of international and regional bodies which carry out functions for the peaceful use of nuclear energy,

Resolves:

1. To thank the Secretary General for the presentation of document CG/243.

2. To ask the Secretary General once again to urge the Governments of States which have not yet done so to reply to the request for the information required, to prepare an inventory of the needs of their countries in the area of the peaceful use of nuclear energy and to forward it as soon as possible.

3. To recommend that the Secretary General request the advice of technical experts of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), of the United Nations Programme of Development (UNDP) or even both Agencies, so that Governments which so request may receive adequate advice in preparing the reply to OPANAL of the needs of their countries in the peaceful use of nuclear energy to which operative paragraph 3 of Resolution 94 (V) refers.

4. To ask the Secretary General to prepare a study (in consulta-
tion with the IAEA, CIEN and OLADE), based on information obtained on the item in which concrete measures are proposed to initiate a programme of co-operation on the peaceful use of nuclear energy in this Continent, in accordance with the provisions of operative paragraph 3 of Resolution 94 (V).

5. To ask the Secretary General to attend the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy and to submit a Special Report of this meeting and its conclusions to the Ninth Regular Session of the General Conference.

6. To include the item "Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy" on the Provisional Agenda of the Ninth Regular Session of the General Conference.

(Adopted on the Forty-seventh Session, held on May 18, 1983)