RESOLUTION 164 (VIII)

MEASURES LEADING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
DISARMAMENT MECHANISM IN THE REGION

The General Conference,

Bearing in mind the statement made at the Inaugural Session by the Minister of State of Jamaica, Dr. Neville Gallimore, on the question of the increase in the arms build-up in the region and the need to come to an agreement to at least freeze this growth at its present level;

Bearing in mind the proposal of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, Dr. Rodrigo Lloreda, made at the last General Assembly of the Organization of American States, transmitted to the General Conference by the Colombian delegation, on the need to reduce the arsenal of arms and to limit military expenses making use of the corresponding mechanisms of inspection;

Bearing in mind the statement of the Secretary General in his Report to the General Conference, document CG/234, paragraphs 74, 75 and 76, in the sense that "The Treaty of Tlatelolco was conceived as a partial contribution within a global strategy of disarmament";

Bearing in mind that one of the fundamental aspects of the philosophy of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, stated in its Preamble, is that of contributing to bring the arms race to an end and to consolidate peace;
Aware of the duty to advocate the effective implementation of the objectives of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, as a justifiable tribute to the imperishable work of the 1982 Nobel Peace Prize, Ambassador Alfonso García Robles;

Aware of the duty to continue the efforts which will make it possible to adopt preliminary measures leading to a foundation for disarmament in the region,

Resolves:

To urge Member States to continue dialogue to make possible the adoption of measures leading to the establishment of a disarmament mechanism in the region.

(Adopted on the Forty-ninth Session, held on May 19, 1983)