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 (II), 66 (III), 94 (V), 127 (VI), 146 (VII) and 162 (VIII);
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 chapter of the Memorandum of the Secretary General dealing with "Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy" (Doc. CG/264);

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 co-operation on the peaceful use of this energy may be carried out;

Recognizing the existence of a number of international and regional bodies that carry out tasks related to the peaceful use of nuclear energy;

Bearing in mind that the preamble of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America sets forth the unavoidable need for Latin American countries to exercise their right to have the maximum and most equitable access possible to nuclear energy in order to accelerate the economic and social development of their countries;

Recalling also the Declaration of the Second Extraordinary Session, adopted on February 14, 1977, in which
the General Conference announced its plan for the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America to be the instrument responsible, at the regional level, for planning, systematizing, arranging and co-ordinating Latin American efforts aimed at the full and effective peaceful use of this energy;

Taking into account the initiation in 1984 of the IAEA Programme Regional Co-operation Arrangements to Promote Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America (ARCAL);

Noting with satisfaction the conclusions reached by the Representatives of 14 Latin American countries on the ARCAL Programme in their meeting prior to the Twenty-Eighth General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency, held in Vienna, Austria, in 1984,

Resolves:

1. To thank the Secretary General for the presentation of his Report on the Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy (document CG/273).

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 potential use of nuclear energy and to forward it as soon as possible.

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

4. To recommend the Secretary General to participate at the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy for the Progress of the Peoples and request him to continue working closely in such efforts.

5. To manifest his approval of the initiation of the Regional Co-operation Arrangements to Promote Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America Programme (ARCAL).

6. To express the hope that all countries of Latin America will be able to participate in the ARCAL Programme, with a view to promoting regional co-operation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

7. To ask the Secretary General to begin consultations with the Director General of the IAEA and the countries participating in the ARCAL Programme, in order for OPANAL to contribute to the definition of a broad programme of regional co-operation in the matter, in accordance with the sovereign will of Latin American States.

8. To include the item "Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy" on the Provisional Agenda of the Tenth Regular Session of the General Conference.

(Adopted on the Fifty-second Session, held on 8 May 1985).