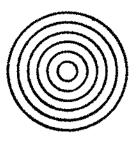
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RESOLUTION 239 (X) NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES

The General Conference,

Recalling that Article 18 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco allows to carry out nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes provided that they do not contravene the provisions of said Article and others in the Treaty, especially those of Articles 1 and 5;

Taking into consideration that the aforementioned explosions must comply with the Rules of Radiological Protection in matters of Nuclear Sefety;

Considering that it is necessary to preserve the environment from radioactive contamination or exposure to ionizing radiations of unacceptable levels or incompatible with the state of health of the pupulation,

Resolves:

1. To reaffirm the spirit and the letter of the provisions contained in Article 18 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, in the understanding that the exercise of this right will not hamper the existing safety levels in the region.

2. To entrust the Secretariat General of OPANAL with the preparation of a Draft Additional Protocol which contemplates that explosions for peaceful purposes be carried out following the Rules of Radiological Protection accepted by the International Community.

(Adopted at the 61st Session held on April 29, 1987).