RESOLUTION 243 (XI)

STATUS OF THE TREATY AND ITS ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS

REPORT OF THE GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE

The General Conference,

Noting with satisfaction the unequivocal manifestation of firm adherence to the purposes and principles of the Treaty of Tlatelolco on the part of all the States linked to it;

Bearing in mind the task entrusted to the Good Offices Committee in Resolutions 208 (IX) and 215 (X), to study the measures to be adopted to help create the conditions needed to ensure the full enforcement of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and strict compliance with the obligations established in said instrument and its Additional Protocols;

Having studied the repeated calls made by the General Conference to the States that are not yet Parties to the Treaty to do so, especially Resolution 213 (X);

Recalling that the Treaty of Tlatelolco entered into force on 25 April 1969, thereby giving rise, in accordance with Article 7 of the Treaty, to the activities of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and
the Caribbean, and that this year is therefore the Twentieth Anniversary of the tasks assigned to it by both the Treaty and the General Conference;

Appreciating that the creation of the first densely-populated denuclearized Zone, established through the Treaty of Tlatelolco, has been recognized worldwide as an example of the political will of a continent for peace and the development of the peoples of which it is composed, and has served as a guide for the creation of a similar zone in the South Pacific and to negotiate others in the near future;

Appreciating also that the spirit of détente that currently exists in the policies of the major powers is conducive towards the creation of measures of trust that strengthen the desire for cooperation among the nations of the world;

Reaffirming the criterion that the States that possess nuclear weapons should be the first to guarantee the denuclearized status of a Zone, without that freeing the States that make up such a Zone, from their responsibilities, especially if they possess nuclear capacity;

Having studied the Report of the Good Offices Committee contained in document CG/329;

Having also examined the Report of the Secretary General submitted in document CG/326,

Resolves:

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1. To exhort all the States of Latin America and the Caribbean to become Parties to the Treaty of Tlatelolco and thereby become full Members of OPANAL.
2. To express its approval for the communication received from the Government of Dominica in which it states its decision to sign and ratify the Treaty of Tlatelolco.

3. To reiterate the invitation extended to the Governments of St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and St. Kitt's and Nevis to become Parties to the Treaty of Tlatelolco as soon as possible, taking into account that their incorporation into the Zone would corroborate their manifest desire to cooperate in perfecting the nuclear-weapon-free Zone.

4. To also reiterate its hope that the conditions needed for Belize and Guyana to become Parties to the Treaty will be created in the very near future.

5. To request the Government of Cuba to consider the signing and ratification of the Treaty of Tlatelolco as its surest guarantee against any possible nuclear aggression; and to express its hope that the Cuban Government's spirit of peace and firm adherence to the aim of military denuclearization of Latin America and the Caribbean will be manifested through Cuba's incorporation into the Treaty of Tlatelolco, which would represent an unquestionable measure of trust and good will towards Latin America and the Caribbean.

6. To note with particular interest and satisfaction the steps taken by Argentina and Brazil in the sphere of nuclear cooperation, which undoubtedly strengthens mutual trust and increases the possibility of using the nuclear energy in those two countries exclusively for peaceful purposes and for development to benefit Latin America and the Caribbean.

7. To take note of the Declaration made by the Argentinian Delegation with regard to the obstacles that have prevented that country from ratifying the Treaty and from adhering
indissolubly to the aims and purposes of the Treaty, and to request the Government of Argentina to reexamine the possibility of ratifying it promptly.

8. **To request again** the Governments of Brazil and Chile to reexamine the possibility of exercising the faculty contained in the Treaty of waiving all or part of the requisites laid down in paragraph 1 of Article 28 of the Treaty, bearing in mind the reiteration of their adherence to the spirit and purposes of the Treaty.

9. **To renew** its invitation to the Government of France to proceed as soon as possible to ratify Additional Protocol I, thereby supplementing the process of signing and ratifying the Protocols of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.

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1. **To request** the Secretary General to renew talks aimed at carrying out a Seminar-Workshop of a technical-juridical nature to analyze formulas for compliance with Article 13 of the Treaty to aid the System of Control established in that instrument, without limiting peaceful nuclear developments or leaving open the possibility of introducing nuclear weapons from other States into the territories of Latin America and the Caribbean.

2. **To urge** the States Parties and those linked to the Treaty of Tlatelolco to cooperate in the task mentioned in the above paragraph.

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1. **To renew** the mandate of the Good Offices Committee
in the terms of previous Resolutions 208 (IX) dated 9 May 1985 
and 215 (X) of 29 April 1987.

2. To authorize the Council to carry out the immediate actions recommended by the Good Offices Committee and 
those deemed pertinent for the accomplishment of the objectives contained in Resolution 208 (IX).

3. To request the Secretary General to place all the facilities available in the Secretariat at the disposal of the 
Good Offices Committee, as he has been doing to date, to contribute to the compliance with the task assigned to said organ.

4. To request also the Good Offices Committee to inform the General Conference of the outcome of its activities 
at the Twelfth Regular Session.

(Adopted at the 67th Session, held on 27 April 1989)