AGENCY FOR THE
PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS
IN LATIN AMERICA

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RESOLUTION 249 (XI)
USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES

The General Conference,

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

Reaffirming the inalienable right of all States
to apply and develop their programs for the peaceful use of
nuclear energy contemplating their economic and social develop-
ment, in accordance with their priorities, interests and needs;

Convinced that the Agency for the Prohibition of
Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean should
supplement its already effective contribution regarding dis-
armament and peace with the peaceful use of nuclear energy,
in cooperation with other regional and worldwide organizations
with competence in the matter;

Recalling also Resolutions 2, 22, 23, and 24 (I);
38 (II); 66 (III); 94 (V); 127 (VI); 146 (VII); 162 (VIII);
193 and 194 (IX), and 220 (X), as well as the Declaration of
the Second Special Session of the General Conference of OPEANAL adopted on 14 February 1977, regarding the role of OPEANAL in the peaceful use of nuclear energy;

Having studied the Memorandum of the Secretary General, especially the part corresponding to the Use of Nuclear Energy for Peaceful Purposes (Doc. CG/333);

Confirming the importance of the application of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes for the economic and social development and its significant role as an agent to accelerate the technological advance of developing countries;

Recognizing the willingness of States with advanced technology to grant preferential treatment in technical cooperation in nuclear energy for peaceful uses to the countries that are Parties to the Treaty of Tlatelolco;

Taking into account the willingness of some Latin American States that are at the forefront of nuclear technology to establish cooperation programs in the matter for the benefit of the States Parties to the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America,

Resolves:

1. **To thank** the Secretary General for submitting the Report on the Use of Nuclear Energy for Peaceful Purposes (Doc. CG/333).

2. **To request** the Secretary General to urge the Member States to submit their opinions regarding the preparation and subsequent implementation of technological cooperation programs aimed at the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

3. **To urge** the competent international agencies to collaborate in order to establish appropriate formulas for the
optimum definition and implementation of technical cooperation programs for the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes among the countries linked to the Treaty and its Protocols.

4. To request the Secretary General, with that aim in mind, to make the necessary arrangements with the International Atomic Energy Agency to enable OPANAL to participate as an Observer in the meetings to coordinate the Program entitled "Regional Cooperative Arrangements for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America".

5. To authorize the Secretary General of OPANAL to consult the Latin American States that are most advanced in nuclear energy matters on the possibility of drawing up cooperation programs on those matters, with the object of increasing the peaceful uses of the atom in benefit of the countries of the region.

6. To include the item "Use of Nuclear Energy for Peaceful Purposes" in the Provisional Agenda of the Twelfth Regular Session of the General Conference of OPANAL.

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