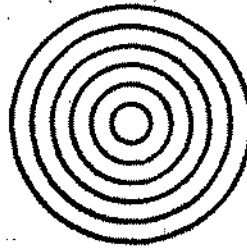


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DECLARATION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF OPANAL

The Eleventh General Conference of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean,

Declares that the process of easing of international tensions must be intensified and be reflected in a new era of cooperation for development;

Recognizes that détente is not a task only for the superpowers, but that the developing countries share the responsibility of contributing to the shaping and consolidation of international peace;

Invites the peoples of the world to intensify efforts aimed at strengthening worldwide awareness of disarmament and create a culture of peace, considering that the arms race has constituted one of the factors that have a direct bearing on the international economic crisis which is particularly affecting the developing countries;

Emphasizes the exhortation made by His Excellency Carlos Salinas de Gortari, President of Mexico, in his address at the opening ceremony to the effect that "the unrestrained squandering of vast quantities of resources on military programs

... in fact places at risk the sustained growth of the international economy";

Reaffirms the importance of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and its precursory Protocols in establishing the world's first densely-populated denuclearized Zone, whose purpose and objectives have inspired similar projects in other regions of the world;

Recognizes that the signing of the Soviet-U.S. Treaty on the Elimination of Their Intermediate-and Shorter-Range Missiles constitutes a first step in the search for general and complete disarmament and has contributed to an improvement in the relations between the two superpowers and to the easing of international tensions;

Underscores the need to reach agreements at the Conference on Disarmament, in order to negotiate accords to establish the definitive and complete prohibition of nuclear tests, as well as of the use of chemical and biological weapons;

Invites the international community to abstain, under any circumstances, from carrying out actions that endanger peace in the region protected by the Treaty of Tlatelolco;

Urges the United Nations and the Conference on Disarmament to set down in tangible agreements the international community's desire for peace.

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