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RESOLUTION CG/Res.444

**PREVENTION OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION OF THE MARINE
ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE TLATELOLCO TREATY
TRANSPORTION OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL**

The General Conference,

Having seen Resolutions 223 (X), 252 (XI), 278 (XII), 299 (XIII), 331 (XIV), 357 (XV), 390 (XVI) and 420 (XVII);

Taking into account that Resolution 223 (X), adopted on April 29, 1987, instructed the Council..., “with the support of competent international agencies, to examine the question of preventing radioactive contamination, with a view to identifying alternative means, including a possible Additional Protocol to the Treaty of Tlatelolco to prohibit the deposit of radioactive wastes and other radioactive material in the seas adjacent to the continental and island spaces of Latin America and the Caribbean, including within the defined Zone of Application established in Article 4, paragraph 2 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco”;

Noting that, in compliance with Resolution 357 (XV), the Secretary General of OPANAL informed the Member States of Resolution A.748 (18) of the International Maritime Organization, through which the Code for the Safe Carriage of Irradiated Nuclear Fuel, Plutonium and High-Level Radioactive Waste in Containers on Board Vessels adopted and solicited the opinion of the Member States on technical and legal measures to prevent radioactive contamination of the marine environment;

Taking into account Resolution 420 (XVII), in which the Secretary General is instructed “to ask international agencies specialized in the field (*inter alia* IAEA, IMO, UNEP) for information on technical

and legal measures for effective prevention of radioactive contamination of the marine environment,” which was carried out through note S-16550 of April 8, 2002, with the sole response being that received from the IAEA, whose document was presented to the Council;

Recalling that this matter falls within the sphere of competence of other international organizations, particularly the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO);

Bearing in mind the Memorandum of the Secretary General to the General Conference (Doc. CG/562 Rev.).

Resolves:

1. **To thank** the Governments of the Member States that expressed their opinions on the technical and legal measures for the effective prevention of radioactive contamination of the marine environment within the defined Zone of Application of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.
2. **To, once again, request** the Governments of the Member States to send to the General Secretariat their opinion on the aforementioned measures for the prevention of radioactive contamination of the marine environment.
3. **To reaffirm** the importance of a continuous exchange of information among the States Parties to the Treaty of Tlatelolco on the activities that competent international agencies are carrying out in relation to the transport of radioactive waste.
4. **To instruct** the Secretary General to follow up on the issue, based on the opinions received, and to keep in close communication with the IAEA and the IMO so that, if applicable, any matter of relevance to this issue may be submitted to the Council for consideration and the adoption of any related decision.

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held on November 5, 2003)