



Twenty-first Regular Session of the General Conference
Mexico City, 26 November 2009

RESOLUTION CG/Res.517
CO-ORDINATION WITH OTHER NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES

The General Conference,

Recalling Resolution CG/Res. 478 (XIX-05) whose operative paragraph 1 entrusts "... the Secretary General with presenting to the Council a program that continues increasing the exchange of information and experiences with other NWFZs, in relation to areas of common interest, particularly on the prohibition of nuclear tests, non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament and, if applicable, on the establishment of co-operation programmes in the spheres of competence that the Treaty of Tlatelolco assigns to OPANAL";

Recognizing the work carried out in October 2008 during the General Assembly of the United Nations by the representatives of the NWFZs and Mongolia, as well as the Meeting of Focal Points of NWFZs and Mongolia held in Ulan Bator in April 2009;

Taking into consideration Resolution C/Res.47 approved by the Council of OPANAL on 17 April 2009, which welcomes with satisfaction the establishment of the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia, whereby a zone of this type is created in the northern hemisphere in an area where nuclear weapons previously existed;

Reaffirming the satisfaction of the Council of OPANAL for the approval of the Work Programme of the Conference of Disarmament for the 2009 session on 29 May last, which enables the only multilateral negotiation forum on disarmament to begin its work, especially the topics on its agenda (Doc. CD/1864 of 29/V/09);

Recalling also the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa formulated by the Heads of State and Government of the Organization for African Unity in its first regular session held in Cairo on 17-21 July 1964, where they pledged, by means of an international agreement which was to be concluded under the sponsorship of the United Nations, not to manufacture nuclear weapons or acquire control over them and which has become a reality with the entry into force of the Treaty on the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone of Africa (Treaty of Pelindaba) on 15 July last (Resolution C/Res.52 of the Council of OPANAL).

Resolves:

1. **To welcome with satisfaction** the establishment of the nuclear-weapon-free zones of Central Asia (Treaty of Semipalatinsk) and the nuclear-weapon-free zone of Africa (Treaty of Pelindaba) which will allow us to approach the objectives of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.
2. **To urge** the General Secretariat of OPANAL to continue with co-ordination efforts and strengthen links with the different Focal Points of NWFZs and Mongolia in accordance with the economic possibilities of the Agency.
3. **To propose** that the Focal Points of the NWFZs should meet annually at the time they consider most favorable, as has been the case during the meetings of the General Assembly of the UN and the meetings of the NPT, to exchange information on matters of mutual interest and consider proposals that can contribute to strengthening the nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime.
4. **To request** that this Resolution be made known to the Focal Points of the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones and Mongolia.

(Approved at the 111th Session
held on 26 November 2009).