



**AGENCY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS
IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

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COORDINATION WITH OTHER NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES

The General Conference,

Recalling the preamble of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, which established that “*militarily denuclearized zones are not an end in themselves but rather a means for achieving general and complete disarmament at a later stage*”

Reiterating the conviction that the creation of Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones in different regions around the world is a measure that efficaciously contributes to the achievement of the objectives of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, and altogether they contribute to world peace and security;

Highlighting the importance of the cooperation and coordination among Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones through concrete and effective mechanisms, such as joint meetings of States Parties, Signatories and observers to Treaties;

Bearing in mind that the approved Final Documents of the two Conferences of States Parties and Signatories to Treaties that Establish Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones and Mongolia held in Mexico (2005) and New York (2010) express the significance of boosting the cooperation among

Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones to fully apply the principles and objectives of the Treaties and share ideas and best practices relevant to issues of mutual interest;

Observing that the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) on its Final Document encouraged the promotion of cooperation and the improvement of consultation mechanisms of the existing Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones through the establishment of concrete measures and praising OPANAL for its leadership in this subject;

Highlighting the ongoing work of the Secretary General to promote coordination and cooperation among States Parties to Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones, with her passion for building a joint leadership in order to achieve the common objective of a nuclear-weapon free world. Moreover, the efforts to contribute towards the creation of new NWFZs and WMDFZs through the institutional experience of OPANAL,

Resolves:

1. **To reiterate** that the consultation mechanisms and political coordination among Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones strengthen the denuclearization regimes of these Zones, and simultaneously contribute to universal nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

2. **To welcome with satisfaction** the establishment of the African Commission on Nuclear Energy by States Parties to the Treaty of Pelindaba in May 2010, first permanent body created to pursue the objectives of the Treaty establishing a NWFZ after the creation of OPANAL in 1969.

3. **To urge** the Secretariat General to continue with coordination efforts to narrow the relationship with States Parties to NWFZs and Mongolia in order to promote the exchange of information, the creation of coordination mechanisms and the identification of a common agenda towards the final objective of a nuclear-weapon-free world.
4. **To highlight** the importance of States Parties to NWFZs in carrying out the joint work that contributes to the achievement of a universal legally-binding instrument aimed to ban nuclear weapons, the ultimate goal of creating Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones.
5. **To encourage** the Secretariat General to carry out the necessary consultations with other NWFZs and perform the pertinent actions to contribute to the preparation for the III Conference of States Parties and Signatories to Treaties that Establish Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones and Mongolia to be held in 2015.
6. **To request** that this resolution is made public to Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones and Mongolia, as well as to Member States.

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held on 17 November 2011)