



COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION C/E/Res.38 OF THE COUNCIL OF OPANAL REGARDING
THE NUCLEAR TESTS CARRIED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

The Member States and Observers to the Council of OPANAL

Taking into consideration that the International Community has been promoting the adoption of a moratorium on nuclear testing, in the spirit of strengthening the global non-proliferation regime;

Reiterating that the first Nuclear Weapon Free Zone in the world established in Latin America and the Caribbean by the Treaty of Tlatelolco, legally binds its Member States to always preserve the Zone and reaffirms its commitment to contribute to peace;

Recalling Resolution 67 (III) dated August 24, 1973 and Resolution C/E/Res.25 dated August 28, 1995, which express OPANAL's firm rejection of nuclear tests, due to the indiscriminate damage that they produce to peace, the environment and human life.

Resolve:

1. **To reiterate** their firm condemnation of every kind of nuclear weapons tests in any part of the world and, thereby express their strong rejection of the nuclear tests carried out by India in Rajasthan, on May 11 and 13, 1998.
2. **To alert** the International Community -in keeping with the spirit of the Treaty of Tlatelolco- about the need for urgent action to energetically re-initiate negotiations on nuclear disarmament, in order to establish effective action towards the elimination of nuclear weapons in a foreseeable period of time through the establishment of an authentic nuclear non-proliferation regime, which must be universal, binding, genuine, and non-discriminatory.
3. **To formulate** an appeal to the Government of India so it adopts a definitive commitment to cancel any kind of nuclear weapons tests, in accordance with international will to eliminate these kinds of weapons; as well as to exhort the other countries of the region to contribute to this endeavor.
4. **To request** the Secretary General to transmit the text of this Resolution to the Government of India, to all Member States and Entailed States to the Treaty of Tlatelolco, to the United Nations Organization and the Organization of American States.

(Adopted at the 35th Extraordinary Session
held on 14 May, 1998)