RESOLUTION C/Res. 40

COMPLIANCE WITH THE DUTIES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

The Council,

Recalling that the former Secretary General, Ambassador Enrique Román-Morey, was elected by Resolution 307 (XIII) for a four-year period from January 1, 1994 to December 31, 1997 and by Resolution 351 (XV) was reelected for the period from January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2001;

Taking note that the former Secretary General, Ambassador Enrique Román-Morey informed the Council in its 184 Session of November 8, 2000, that the Secretary General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr., Kofi Annan had appointed him as Deputy Secretary General of the Disarmament Conference and Director of the Disarmament Office of the United Nations in Geneva;

Taking into account the resignation to the position of Secretary General of OPANAL presented by Ambassador Enrique Román-Morey as from December 31, 2000;

Considering that OPANAL has no Deputy General Secretary,

Extraordinarily resolves:

1. To assume the duties of the General Secretariat until the new Secretary General takes over the position.

2. Request the Presidency of the Council to perform all the necessary actions for the proper development of the Agency including the subscription of contracts. The Presidency will be assumed by Brazil up to January 31, 2001 and after that date it will be taken over every two-month periods by Costa Rica, Mexico, Panama and Peru.

3. Summon a Special Session of the General Conference for the election of the Agency’s Secretary General in terms of Article 9 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.

4. Request the General Secretariat to transmit the text of this Resolution to the State Members as soon as possible.

(Approved at the 42nd Special Session of January 10, 2001)