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**COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION C/Res. 43**  
**INTERIM FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL**  
**IN VIEW OF THE RESIGNATION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL**

**The Council,**

**Recalling** that by Resolution CG/E/Res. 406 Ambassador Edmundo Vargas Carreño was elected Secretary General of OPANAL for a period from June 1 to December 31, 2001 and extended through December 31, 2005;

**Recalling also** that by Resolution CG/Res.486 of November 5, 2005, the Secretary General was reelected for the period from January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009;

**Bearing in mind** the letter that the Secretary General, Ambassador Edmundo Vargas Carreño addressed to the Member States of OPANAL on May 14, 2007, in which he exposed the critical financial situation of the Agency, as well as the text of his resignation to the post of Secretary General of OPANAL from June 30, 2007 and submitted to the 228<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council on June 12, 2007;

**Considering** the antecedents of absences or resignations that have been produced during the past in the post of Secretary General, especially those in Resolution C/Res. 40 of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Special Session of the Council,

**Resolves:**

1. **To assume** the duties of the Secretariat General until the necessary conditions are given to comply with Articles 11 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and 71 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference.

2. **To entrust** the President of the Council in charge to consult the State Parties to express their opinions as soon as possible, on the convenience that the Council nominates on the basis of Articles 71 and 72 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, a Deputy Secretary General while a period of sessions of the General Conference is summoned to elect a Secretary General in order to conclude the respective period, in accordance with the dispositions of paragraph 1 of Article 11 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.

The President of the Council shall also request the opinion of the State Parties on the pertinence of awaiting the celebration of the XX Regular Session of the General Conference, foreseen to take place in November 2007, on the basis of Article 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference.

3. **To entrust** the Presidency of the Council that until consultations of the previous paragraph are fulfilled, to perform all the acts inherent to the good functioning of the Agency including the subscription of pertinent contracts. The Presidency will be assumed by Guatemala from July 1 to August 31, 2007 and thereafter bimonthly by Mexico, Peru, Cuba and Argentina.

(Adopted at the 51<sup>st</sup>  
Special Session of the Council)