Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean



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COUNCIL

RESOLUTION C/Res.50

NUCLEAR TEST CONDUCTED BY THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON THE 25TH OF MAY 2009

The Council,

Recalling that the world's first Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone established in Latin America under the Treaty of Tlatelolco conveys its States Parties with the compulsory duty of contributing to the preservation of peace and strengthening the international regime of the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons;

Convinced that the mere existence of nuclear weapons and their possible use or threat of use represents a permanent danger to humanity, and that their use would bring catastrophic consequences for life on earth;

Reiterating a profound concern regarding the lack of concrete advancements towards the priority objective of nuclear disarmament;

Bearing in mind Resolutions 1695 (2006) and 1718 (2006) from Security Council of the United Nations; as well as the relevant resolutions from the UN General Assembly regarding nuclear disarmament;

Underscoring the impending need to avoid the conduction of further nuclear weapon tests that represent a serious threat to international peace and security,

Resolves:

- 1. **To condemn** the nuclear test conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on the past 25th of May.
- 2. **To reaffirm** the OPANAL Council's firmest disapproval of the conduction of all kinds of nuclear weapon testing in any part of the world.
- 3. **To exhort** the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to consider reincorporation to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (TNP), as well as the adoption without delay of a moratorium regarding nuclear weapon test explosions or any other nuclear explosions.
- 4. **To request** the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to sign and ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) as soon as possible.
- 5. To call on to the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to reintegrate to the Six-Party Talks and contribute to the implementation of the Joint Declaration elaborated on the 19th of September, 2005, by China, the United States, the Russian Federation, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.
- 6. To entrust the General Secretariat with making this Resolution available to the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the OPANAL Member States, the United Nations, the Organization of American States, the Conference on Disarmament, and the Focal Points of all other Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones.

(Approved by the Council, on the 2 June, 2009)