Resolution

Control System of the Treaty of Tlatelolco

The General Conference,

Considering that the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean - Treaty of Tlatelolco is a legal instrument to which the 33 States of the region are Parties;

Recalling that the States Parties legally committed themselves to comply fully and without exception with all the provisions of the Treaty of Tlatelolco;

Bearing in mind that the integrity of the Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Latin America and the Caribbean cannot be guaranteed unless all the States Parties to the Treaty of Tlatelolco are up to date with the fulfillment of their obligations;

Reaffirming the importance of the Control System of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, established in Article 12 “for the purpose of verifying compliance with the obligations entered into by the Contracting Parties in accordance with Article 1”;  

Further recalling that Article 14 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco establishes that States Parties have the obligation to submit to the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean - OPANAL “semi-annual reports stating that no activity prohibited under this Treaty has occurred in their respective territories”;
Recognizing that the semi-annual frequency of the compliance with the provisions of Article 14 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco by all States Parties is essential for the aims and purposes of the Treaty;

Highlighting that Article 24 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco is linked to the Control System by stating that “any international agreement entered into by any of the Contracting Parties, on the matters to which it refers, will be notified to the Secretariat immediately, for this to register it and notify it to the other Contracting Parties”;


Having received the Report of the Secretary-General on the compliance with Articles 14 and 24 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco (CG/04/2019).
Resolves:

1. To recognize the 19 Member States - Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Uruguay and Venezuela - who are up to date in compliance with their Report, in accordance with Article 14 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.

2. To instruct the Secretary-General to transmit to all Member States the optional format for the presentation of semi-annual reports of Article 14 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, proposed by the Secretary-General in his Report on the Control System, attached to document CG/E/05/2018.

3. To urge all Member States to update, without further delay, their compliance with the provisions of Article 14 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.

4. To urge all Member States to comply regularly and without exceptions with the report provided in Article 14 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.

5. To further urge the Member States to notify to the Secretary-General immediately, in each case, about the conventions, agreements or arrangements of all kinds, whether bilateral or multilateral, that they have concluded on the matters related to the Treaty of Tlatelolco, in compliance with Article 24 of the Treaty.

6. To request the Council and the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures, within their respective powers, to ensure that all Member States regularize their situation regarding compliance with Articles 14 and 24.