OPANAL



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

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Resolution

OPANAL Headquarters

The General Conference,

Considering that the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean –Treaty of Tlatelolco, in its Article 7, establishes that: "4. The headquarters of the Agency shall be in Mexico City";

Considering that, in conformity with that same article, OPANAL started functioning, with the entry into force of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, on 29 April 1969; and on 2 September of the same year, the I Period of Sessions of the General Conference of OPANAL was held in Mexico City;

Recalling the "Agreement between the United Mexican States and the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean regarding the establishment of its Headquarters in Mexico", signed on 6 February 2003;

Bearing in mind that the Government of Mexico expressed its will to "get, cost free to the Agency, an adequate property for OPANAL's headquarters" on the VI Extraordinary Period of the General Conference Sessions, celebrated on 10 September 1991, which the General Conference thanked through its resolution CG/E/Res.289 and further in its resolution CG/E/Res.319 of the VIII Extraordinary Period of Sessions held on 18 January 1994;

Highlighting that the Treaty of Tlatelolco, reason for pride of Latin America and the Caribbean, commemorated its 50° Anniversary on 14 February 2017 and OPANAL completed 50 years of functioning in 2019;

Bearing in mind that, in its 52 years of functioning, OPANAL has not had a permanent and independent installation;

Considering, therefore, that OPANAL should have a permanent and independent Headquarters, adequate for its activities.

Resolves:

- 1. **To request** the participation and support of all Members States to ensure that OPANAL have permanent and independent Headquarters.
- 2. **To mandate** the Council to continue with the analysis and discussion of the considerations contained in document CG/14/2019, and to present a report to the General Conference at its next Session.
- 3. **To recognize and thank** the efforts of the Government of Mexico, which, since July 2020, has been paying for the rent of the current headquarters of the Agency while searching the establishment of permanent headquarters.