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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM INTERIEUR

TO: The Secretary-General
A:

DATE: 6 May 1981

REFERENCE: _____

THROUGH:
S/C DE:

FROM:
DE:

Jan Martenson
Officer-in-Charge, Department of
Political and Security Council Affairs

SUBJECT:
OBJET:

Seventh regular session of the General Conference
of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear
Weapons in Latin America (OPANAL)

1. The seventh regular session of the OPANAL General Conference took place between 20-24 April 1981 in Mexico City. I attended the meeting and read out your message which was well received. The text was circulated as an official document of the Conference. (See cable of 24 April attached).

2. In addition to the Parties to the Treaty, the representatives of all the nuclear-weapon States attended the Conference and reiterated in their statements their positions on and their support for the Treaty of Tlatelolco.

3. The Conference reiterated its satisfaction that the Additional Protocol II has now been ratified by all the five nuclear-weapon States and expressed its strong hope that the remaining Powers invited to accede to the Additional Protocol I (Powers responsible for the territories within the zone) would do so in the not too distant future (France and USA).

4. As regards the States from the region not yet parties to the Treaty, Argentina announced in the course of the meeting that it intended to ratify it soon. A similar intention was also expressed by Dominica and Santa Lucia. The Conference extended an invitation to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to become parties to the Treaty. The Conference took note that no change in the position of Brazil, Chile and Cuba had occurred.

5. The Conference elected two members - Mexico and Peru - to the Council which is composed of five Members of the Agency.

6. The Conference elected Ambassador Jose Martinez Cobo (Ecuador) as the Secretary-General of OPANAL, effective 1 July 1981, in place of Ambassador Hector Gros Espiell who, due to statutory provisions, had to retire from the post.

7. The predominant tone at the session was one of satisfaction with the progress made concerning adherence to the Treaty and its Additional Protocols. There was also expressed a renewed commitment by the Parties to work towards the strengthening of the régime established by the Treaty.

cc: Mr. Kashirin

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AT THE SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF
OPANAL, WHICH CONCLUDED TODAY IN MEXICO CITY, AMBASSADOR JOSE
MARTINEZ COBO, ECUADOR, WAS SELECTED AS NEW SECRETARY GENERAL OF
OPANAL AS OF FIRST JULY 1981, REPLACING DR HECTOR GROSS ESPIELL,
WHO IS RETIRING. PERU AND MEXICO WERE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE OPANAL
COUNCIL. YOUR MESSAGE WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED. FURTHER INFORMATION
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Mr. Jan Mårtenson, Assistant
Secretary-General
Centre for Disarmament

17 April 1981

Mr. Mikhail D. Sytenko
Under-Secretary-General for
Political and Security Council Affairs
Rafaeuddin Ahmed, Chef de Cabinet
Executive Office of the Secretary-General

Seventh regular session of the General
Conference of the Agency for the Pro-
hibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin
America (OPANAL)

With reference to your memorandum of
2 April 1981 on the above subject, I have
attached the revised message of the Secretary-
General to OPANAL.

We understand that it is your intention
to deliver this on behalf of the Secretary-
General during the Conference.

Message of the Secretary-General to the Seventh Regular Session of the General Conference of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (OPANAL)

I am pleased to extend my greetings to the participants in the seventh regular session of the General Conference of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America. The venue of this session, Mexico City, is not only the capital of a country that has taken a leading part in disarmament efforts at the United Nations but the very city in which the Treaty of Tlatelolco was signed.

The Treaty of Tlatelolco was the first legal instrument for the military denuclearization of an inhabited region of the earth. Since the conclusion of the Treaty, the General Assembly has continued to follow with great interest the developments relating to it. In this connexion it is to be hoped that the process of ratification of Additional Protocol I of the Treaty will soon be completed.

The merits of the concept of establishing nuclear-weapon-free zones have been demonstrated by the Treaty of Tlatelolco and recognized over the years by many resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly. In the Programme of Action for Disarmament drawn up by the General Assembly at its first special session devoted to disarmament, the Assembly reaffirmed this concept and drew attention to the various regional initiatives for the creation of such zones. The concept was also included in the recommendations concerning the elements of a comprehensive programme of disarmament approved by the Disarmament Commission in 1979.

The creation of nuclear-weapon-free zones is one of the means by which States can reduce the danger of the nuclear arms race and contribute effectively to attaining the goal of non-proliferation. The States Parties to the Treaty of Tlatelolco can take pride in the fact that they have provided the world with a successful model of such a zone and, in so doing, made a significant contribution to the strengthening of international peace and security.

I send you my best wishes for success in your endeavours.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM INTERIEUR

TO: The Secretary-General
A:

DATE: 2 April 1981

THROUGH: Mr. Mikhail D. Sytenko
S/C DE: Under-Secretary-General for
Political and Security Council Affairs

REFERENCE: _____

FROM: Jan Mårtenson
DE: Assistant Secretary-General
Centre for DisarmamentSUBJECT: Seventh regular session of the General Conference of the
OBJET: Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America
(OPANAL)

1. As indicated earlier, the seventh regular session of the OPANAL General Conference will take place between 21 and 24 April 1981 in Mexico City. At the invitation of OPANAL you have decided to designate me as your representative to attend the conference.

2. In view of the importance of the Treaty of Tlatelolco which established OPANAL as its executive organ, and the continuous consideration the General Assembly gives to its implementation, it has become tradition that you address a message to the General Conference. It is suggested that this practice should be continued and for that purpose, please find enclosed for your consideration and approval the draft message.

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DRAFT/2 April 1981

Message of the Secretary-General to the Seventh Regular Session
of the General Conference of the Agency for the Prohibition of
Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (OPANAL)

It gives me pleasure to extend my greetings to the participants in the Seventh Regular Session of the General Conference of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America. It is particularly gratifying to note that this session is taking place in Mexico City, which is not only the capital of a country that has for many years taken a leading part in disarmament efforts at the United Nations but the very city in which the Treaty of Tlatelolco was signed.

The merits of the concept of establishing nuclear-weapon-free zones, which the Treaty of Tlatelolco embodies, have been recognized over the years by many resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly. In the Programme of Action for Disarmament drawn up by the General Assembly at its first special session devoted to disarmament, the Assembly reaffirmed this concept in general, and drew attention, in particular, to the various regional initiatives for the creation of such zones. The concept was also included in the recommendations concerning the elements of a comprehensive programme of disarmament approved by the Disarmament Commission in 1979.

The Treaty of Tlatelolco, which was the first legal instrument for the military denuclearization of an inhabited region of the earth, has demonstrated the validity of the concept of nuclear-weapon-free zones. Since the conclusion of the Treaty, the General Assembly has continued to follow with great interest the developments relating to it. In this connexion it is to be hoped that the process of ratification of Additional Protocol I of the Treaty will soon be completed.

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I spoke to Ingrid Lehmann and she confirms that Martenson will deliver the speech of the Sec.Gen. in OPANAL on Thursday.

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Revised draft.

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I send you my best wishes for success in your endeavours.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM INTERIEUR

TO: The Secretary-General
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DATE: 10 May 1979

THROUGH: Mr. Mikhail D. Sytenko
S/C DE: Under-Secretary-General for Political
and Security Council Affairs

REFERENCE: F. A. K. h

FROM: Pal Csillag, Chief of Information and
DE: Research Section, Centre for Disarmament

SUBJECT: Sixth regular session of the General Conference
OBJET: of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear
Weapons in Latin America (OPANAL)

1. The sixth regular session of the OPANAL General Conference took place between 24-27 April 1979 in Quito, Ecuador. As instructed, I attended the meeting and read out your message which was very well received. The text was circulated as an official document of the Conference.
2. The Conference was also attended by representatives of all the nuclear-weapon States who, in their statements, reiterated their positions in support of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.
3. Discussions at the Conference were characterized mainly by satisfaction over the progress made concerning the entry into force of Additional Protocols I and II of the Treaty of Tlatelolco which aim to assure the compliance of States outside the area, particularly nuclear-weapon States, with the purposes of the Treaty. Since all States invited to do so have signed these Protocols (ratification of Protocol I by the United States and France is expected in the foreseeable future), the States parties to the Treaty felt that the Agency could enter into a new phase of activities which would enable it to carry out, on the basis of the consolidated nuclear-weapon-free status of the zone, measures intended to further the interests of the area in nuclear and related matters.
4. Regarding adherence to the Treaty of Latin American States that have not yet done so, it was indicated that Argentina which had signed, envisaged the ratification of the Treaty in the near future. Differences in interpretation of legal circumstances which, until now, had prevented Guyana from signing and ratifying the Treaty, have been overcome and the adherence of that State is also expected soon. The Conference took note, however, that no change in the positions of Brazil, Chile and Cuba had occurred.
5. Referring to the non-proliferation control system of the Agency, it was reported that the conclusion of safeguards agreements

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between individual States and the IAEA was almost completed. A resolution was adopted requesting all Member States to comply with their reporting obligations to the Agency without undue delay on international agreements they concluded between each other or with States outside the area in the field of nuclear development and cooperation for peaceful purposes.

6. With regard to the widening of the Agency's activities, a resolution was adopted envisaging an effort by OPANAL to co-ordinate the positions of its member States at the Second Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to be held in 1980 in Geneva. Another resolution authorized the Secretariat of the Agency to ascertain, on the basis of information to be supplied by member States, the needs of the region for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and to carry out a study, in cooperation with the IAEA and regional multilateral organizations dealing with nuclear energy, which could serve as a basis for a regional programme of cooperation. A further resolution urged member States to continue, in the spirit of the Declaration of Ayacucho, the on-going efforts with the aim of limiting conventional weapons in Latin America.

7. In a separate resolution, the General Conference expressed its support for the UN General Assembly resolution 33/73 (Declaration on the preparation of societies for life in peace) adopted at the last session.

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SESION CONFERENCIA GENERAL DEL OPANAL:

(Cable Editor please quote attached)

MUY ATENTAMENTE.

AHMED
AUXILIAR EJECUTIVO DEL
SECRETARIO GENERAL

cc: Mr. Bjornerstedt
cc: Mr. Rothermel

Rafesuddin Ahmed
Exec. Assist. to SecGen

cc : Mr. Rothermel

Mr. Björnerstedt

8 April 1977

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FOR MR. NAVAJAS. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REPRESENTING
UNITED NATIONS FIFTH SESSION GENERAL CONFERENCE OPANAL APRIL 19
CARACAS AND DELIVERING OPENING MEETING SECGEN'S MESSAGE.
UNDP, VENEZUELAN MISSION AND OPANAL SECRETARIAT INFORMED.
WILL CABLE TEXT MESSAGE NEXT WEEK. REGARDS.

AHMED
EXEC. ASSIST. SECGEN

Raffaeuddin Ahmed, Execut. Assist. to SG

cc : Mr. Rothermel
Mr. Björnerstedt

8 April 1977 I. Lehmann/mh 3802 5034

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**MR. HECTOR GROS ESPIEL
GRANDX SECRETARY-GENERAL
OPANAL
MEXICO CITY
MEXICO**

**IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND WITH REFERENCE
TO YOUR LETTER OF 4 MARCH AND CABLE OF 7 APRIL, I AM PLEASED TO
INFORM YOU THAT UNDP RESREP MR. NAVAJAS MOGRO WILL REPRESENT
UNITED NATIONS AT FIFTH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF OPANAL AND DELIVER
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S MESSAGE. HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.**

**RAFKEUDDIN AHMED
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL**

R. Ahmed, Executive Assistant to the SG

NOTE FOR THE FILE

I called Mr. Arteaga-Acosta of the Venezuelan Mission on April 5 to inform him of the SG's intention to send a message to the Fifth General Conference of OPANAL to be read by the Res. Rep. in Venezuela. Mr. Arteaga-Acosta took note of this proposition and asked that the Mission receive a copy of the message as soon as available. I gave him the name of the Res.Rep. in Caracas, Sr. Hugo Navajas-Mogro.

I checked with Tim Rothermel who assured me that, since the Res.Rep. had just taken over his new post in Caracas he would be sure to be available on April 19.

IL/cg - 8 April 77

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

ORGANISMO PARA LA PROSCRIPCIÓN
DE LAS ARMAS NUCLEARES
EN LA AMÉRICA LATINA

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Mr. ROHAN
Mr. MESSING

México, D.F., a 4 de marzo de 1977.

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Señor Secretario General:

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El Quinto Período Ordinario de Sesiones de la Conferencia General del OPANAL se iniciará el día 19 de abril de 1977, con una duración aproximada de cuatro a cinco días. Las sesiones se efectuarán en el área de conferencias del Parque Central de la ciudad de Caracas, Venezuela. En esta reunión la Conferencia General tendrá a su consideración los puntos que aparecen en la Agenda Provisional (Doc. CG/140 Prov.) que tengo el agrado de remitir adjunto a la presente.

Anexo.

Como en anteriores ocasiones me dirijo a usted para invitar a la Organización de las Naciones Unidas a que se haga representar en la aludida reunión de la Conferencia General.

Teniendo en cuenta los reiterados pronunciamientos de la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas sobre la significación histórica del Tratado de Tlatelolco, la tradicional cooperación que ha existido entre ellos y el OPANAL, la atención que la Asamblea General y la Conferencia del Comité de Desarme prestan a la cuestión de las zonas militarmente des-nuclearizadas y el hecho de que en el Orden del Día de la Asamblea General se encuentre actualmente la cuestión de las firmas y ratificaciones pendientes de los Protocolos I y II del Tratado para la Proscripción de las Armas Nucleares en la América Latina,

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Excmo. Sr. Kurt Waldheim,
Secretario General de la
Organización de las Naciones Unidas.
Nueva York.

ORGANISMO PARA LA PROSCRIPCIÓN
DE LAS ARMAS NUCLEARES
EN LA AMÉRICA LATINA


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estoy seguro que usted concordará conmigo en la conveniencia de que en este Quinto Período Ordinario de Sesiones de la Conferencia General del OPANAL actúe un representante de usted.

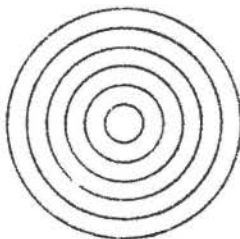
Agradeciéndole la importante participación habida en la sesión conmemorativa del Décimo Aniversario del Tratado de Tlatelolco, en la que el señor Purnendu K. Benerjee, leyó el mensaje de usted que fué altamente apreciado por la Conferencia General.

Ruego a usted quiera comunicar a la Secretaría del OPANAL (en México, Temístocles 78, Col. Polanco) antes del 9 de abril, el nombre de la persona que representara a la Organización de las Naciones Unidas, con posterioridad a esta fecha, la comunicación acreditando la delegación, deberá ser enviada ante la Sra. Iris Acosta de Fajardo, Dirección de Política Internacional del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de Venezuela, (edificio Banco de Comercio esquina San Jacinto, piso 11).

Le ruego aceptar un saludo muy cordial y, una vez más, el testimonio de mi consideración más alta y distinguida.


Héctor Gros Espiell,
Secretario General.

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CONFERENCIA GENERAL
Quinto Período Ordinario de Sesiones
Caracas, 19 de abril de 1977

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4. Participación de Observadores /Reglamento de la C. G.
 y Doc. CG/1417.
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 y Doc. CG/1427.
6. Elección de Miembros del Consejo /Reglamento de la
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7. Status del Tratado y sus Protocolos Adicionales
 /Docs. CG/144, CG/145 y CG/L.1087
8. Informe de la Comisión de Buenos Oficios /Docs.
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9. Status de la Convención sobre Prerrogativas e
 Inmunidades del Organismo /Docs. CG/147 y
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10. Sistema de Control: /Docs. CG/148 y CG/L.977.
 - a. Aplicación del Artículo 13
 - b. Aplicación del Artículo 14
 - c. Consideración de los Artículos 15, 16, 18 y 20.
11. Consideración del Artículo 23 /Docs. CG/149 y CG/L.987.

12. Cuestión de la creación de otras Zonas desnuclearizadas y eventuales relaciones con el OPANAL /Docs. CG/150 y CG/L.99/.
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15. Recaudación de Cuotas y Anticipos al Fondo de Operaciones /Reglamento Financiero y Docs. CG/153 y CG/L.102/.
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18. Estatuto del Fondo de Pensiones y Retiro del Personal /Docs. CG/159 y CG/L.109/.
19. Informe del Consejo /Docs. CG/157 y CG/L.106/.
20. Informe del Secretario General /Docs. CG/158 y CG/L.107/.
21. Otros asuntos.

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