



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

11 March 2014

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 24 February 2014, in which you expressed your wish as the newly-appointed Secretary-General to further strengthen the cooperation between the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) and the United Nations in our common endeavour for a world without nuclear weapons. Please allow me to take this opportunity to join in the congratulations and best wishes extended to you by Ms. Angela Kane, United Nations High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, in her letter of 5 December 2013.

The creation of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone was an innovative regional approach to nuclear disarmament, and the efforts thereafter to inspire and assist various regions that have led to the creation of another four such zones are no less noble. I sincerely look forward to the deepening, expansion and consolidation of regional initiatives for nuclear disarmament.

I am fully committed to see the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) come into effect as soon as possible. While I continue to urge all remaining States, in particular those eight Annex 2 States whose ratifications are required for the CTBT to enter into force, I wish to appeal to your leadership to ensure that all OPANAL Member States ratify the CTBT, thereby enhancing synergy between global and regional efforts to further strengthen the international nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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His Excellency
Mr. Luiz Filipe de Macedo Soares
Secretary-General
Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
in Latin America and the Caribbean
Mexico City



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To:  (through ODSG),

Please find attached for your approval and SG's signature, a response letter to the newly-appointed Secretary-General of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL), H.E. Mr. Luiz Filipe de Macedo Soares.



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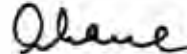
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Note to the Deputy Secretary-General

**LETTER OF RESPONSE TO THE LETTER DATED 20 FEBRUARY 2014
FROM THE NEWLY-APPOINTED SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE
AGENCY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN
AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (OPANAL),
MR. LUIZ FILIPE DE MACEDO SOARES**

1. Please find attached for the consideration and signature by the Secretary-General, a draft letter of response to the letter dated 20 February 2014 from the newly-appointed Secretary-General of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL), Mr. Luiz Filipe de Macedo Soares.
2. Among the 33 OPANAL member States (all States in the region), Cuba and Dominica have not yet signed nor ratified the CTBT.
3. My letter of 5 December 2013 congratulating Mr. de Macedo Soares on his appointment is also attached for your information.

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Angela Kane
7 March 2014

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Mr. Secretary-General,

On 11 February 2014, pursuant to Resolution CG/E/Res.566 adopted by the General Conference at its XXII Special Session (Mexico City, November 2013), I have taken office as Secretary-General of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL).

I would like to take this opportunity to express my determination to fully comply with the provisions of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and to continue to promote the efforts of a revitalized OPANAL. In this regard, OPANAL will enhance all means of cooperation with the United Nations always holding high the ultimate goal of general and complete nuclear disarmament. Certainly, I will be pleased to cooperate with the United Nations in activities related to this matter of utmost importance.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Mr. Secretary-General, to express the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

Ambassador Luiz Filipe de Macedo Soares
Secretary-General



Mr. BAN Ki-moon
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Excellency,

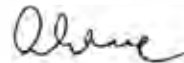
I would like to offer my sincere congratulations and best wishes to you on your appointment as the Secretary-General of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL).

I am convinced that under your leadership and with your distinguished diplomatic career and extraordinary expertise in the field of disarmament OPANAL will continue to contribute to meeting the complex regional and global peace and security challenges in the pursuit of a world free from nuclear weapons.

I look forward to the continuation of the excellent relationship between the United Nations and OPANAL during your term as the Secretary-General.

Once again, congratulations on your appointment. I send my best wishes to you for continued success in the years ahead.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Angela Kane
High Representative
for Disarmament Affairs

His Excellency
Mr. Luiz Filipe de Macedo Soares
Secretary-General
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