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**Contribution of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean to the report of the Secretary-General
United Nations General Assembly resolution 76/72 of 9 December 2021, entitled
“Oceans and the law of the sea”.¹**

The Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) presents herewith its contribution to the report of the United Nations Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 360 of the resolution 76/72 of 9 December 2021:

- The Secretariat of OPANAL has regularly submitted information regarding the zone of application² of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and its main challenges. In spite of the SARS COV-2 pandemic, the Member States of OPANAL agreed to pursue a renewed strategy to revitalize the dialogue with all four nuclear armed states that made interpretative declarations to Protocols I and II to the Treaty of Tlatelolco, including France and the Russian Federation, which declarations have a direct impact on the zone of application of the Treaty.
- The XXVII General Conference of OPANAL, held on 30 September 2021, continued to revisiting the issue of interpretative declarations, in accordance with the resolutions CG/E/Res.02/2017³, CG/E/Res.01/2018⁴ and CG/Res.12/2019⁵, and adopted a new resolution CG/Res.01/2021⁶, including an action plan to engage in further discussions with all four armed states in order to reach an initial dialogue and understanding. It is envisaged that the Member States of OPANAL will continue with the implementation of the resolution during the second half of the year.

¹ This document was prepared by the Secretariat of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean – OPANAL under the responsibility of its Secretary-General, Ambassador Flavio Roberto Bonzanini.

² In accordance with article 4 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco the zone of application is “the whole of the *territories* for which the Treaty is in force”. The term *territory*, as defined in article 3, includes, “the territorial sea, air space and any other space over which the State exercises sovereignty in accordance with its own legislation”. Thus, the zone of application straddles areas defined in articles 55 (Specific legal regime of the exclusive economic zone) and 86 (Application of the provisions of high seas) of the 1982 Convention on the Law of the Sea (United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1833, No. 31363).

³ http://www.opanal.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/CG_E_Res.02_2017_Declaraciones_interpretativas.pdf

⁴ http://www.opanal.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/CG_E_Res.01_2018_Interpretative_declarations.pdf

⁵ http://www.opanal.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/CG_Res.12_2019_Interpretative-declarations-1.pdf

⁶ https://www.opanal.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/CG_Res.01_2021_Interpretative-declarations.pdf