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**Closing remarks of the Secretary-General of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL), Ambassador Flávio Roberto Bonzanini, at the closing ceremony of the 2020 online Latin American and Caribbean Nonproliferation and Disarmament Summer School**

*Distinguished colleagues,*

*Distinguished participants,*

It is my pleasure to address you today at the closing ceremony of the 2020 online Latin American and Caribbean Nonproliferation and Disarmament Summer Course for young diplomats.

Despite the fact that the Summer Course was held online this year, it provided us with the opportunity to listen to and interact with very high-level professionals, diplomats, members of civil society and professors, from whom, I am sure, you have learned a lot.

I hope that you will apply at your work the knowledge you have acquired during those past two weeks, and thus will maintain the historical tradition of our region of contributing to international peace and security.

I would like to thank once again the Secretariat for Foreign Affairs of Mexico, Institute Matias Romero and the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies for the good planning and structuring of this highly professional and comprehensive Summer Course for the diplomats of Latin America and the Caribbean.

I wish all the participants success in your careers and hope to meet you soon at our next joint events.

*Thank you.*