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**Report on the activities carried out by the Secretariat of OPANAL in Education for Nuclear
Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
during the period of January-August 2020**

For the information of Member States of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL), a list of the activities that the Secretariat of the Agency has carried out in this subject from January-August 2020 is described hereafter.

Internship Program

- Internship Program at the Secretariat (without financial support): three interns were accepted in this modality, two from Mexico and one from Brazil, which successfully concluded the program, the formers via online and the latter in semi-presential mode.
- Internship Program earmarked for Caribbean Member States (with financial support): the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands renewed on 27 February the Cooperation Agreement with the Agency. However, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Agency was allowed a deferral to carry out the activities foresaw for 2020 during the financial period of 2021.

Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Outreach

- Radio program “The International Relations of Mexico” (11 February): the Secretary-General participated in this radio program in which he exchanged ideas alongside the Director-General of the Institute Matias Romero, Mr. Alejandro Alday, on the history of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.
- Discussion session on the “Relevance and effectiveness of the Treaty of Tlatelolco in light of the current challenges for nuclear disarmament” (13 February): organized by the Institute Matias Romero in the framework of celebrations of the Anniversary of the opening for signature of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.

- Virtual workshop “Good practices and lessons learned with respect to the implementation of Treaties establishing Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones” (7 to 9 July) organized by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs: the President of the Council and the Secretary-General of the Agency participated as speakers in the panel discussion on the nuclear-weapon-free zones and how these regimes contribute to peace, disarmament and non-proliferation.

Cooperation with Academia

- Diffusion of the International Program on Security, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of the NPSGlobal Foundation (28 April)
- Summer School on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (6 to 17 July): organized by the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs of Mexico- Institute Matias Romero and with the co-sponsorship of OPANAL and the James Martin Center for Non-Proliferation Studies of the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey.
- Fellowship of the James Martin Center for Non-Proliferation Studies of the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey: participation of one officer of the Secretariat in this online program for the second half of 2020. Her collaboration in this program contributes to strengthen the partnership of the Agency with this important Center of International Studies.