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**SUMMER SCHOOL ON NON-PROLIFERATION AND NUCLEAR
DISARMAMENT FOR DIPLOMATS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

Closing remarks by Ambassador Flávio Roberto Bonzanini
Secretary-General of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin
America and the Caribbean (OPANAL)

Dear colleagues,

Distinguished participants,

I will be very brief to give more time for the closing ceremony and certificate presentations of the 2022 Latin American and Caribbean Nonproliferation and Disarmament Summer Course for young diplomats.

This Summer School provided us with the opportunity to discuss and interact with very high-level experts on some of the most compelling topics and challenges faced by the international community. Moreover, I am very pleased to see many young talented officers engaging with the cause of disarmament. The attendance of the women and men today participating in the course, giving lectures, and carrying out the many “behind the scenes”

arrangements needed for the success of this course has been again pivotal for the success of the Summer School which we expect we can continue to replicate in the upcoming years in line with the efforts to disseminate the Treaty of Tlatelolco and to promote educational activities that contribute to peace, nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation education among OPANAL Member States. I hope that you will apply the knowledge you have acquired during the last week and continue with the long-standing tradition of our region as a key player in international peace and security.

I would like to thank once again the Mexican Secretariat for Foreign Affairs, the Matias Romero Institute, and the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies for a successful edition of the Summer School, which ultimately benefits all the young diplomats from Latin America and the Caribbean who had the opportunity to take this course.

I wish you all the best in your careers and hope we coincide again at some multilateral disarmament forum applying what you learned this past week.

Thank you again and safe flights back home.