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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
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Dear colleagues,

Distinguished participants,

As we conclude the Ninth edition of the Summer School on Non-Proliferation and Nuclear Disarmament, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the participants. Over the course of six days, we witnessed engaging discussions and fruitful exchanges of views on the most pressing challenges and topics in disarmament.

I commend each and every one of you for your active participation and contributions during this course. Your commitment and passion for the cause of disarmament are truly inspiring, and it fills me with optimism for the future. It is through the dedication of young and talented diplomats like yourselves that we can strive for a world free of nuclear weapons.

I would also like to express my deep appreciation to the esteemed experts who generously shared their knowledge and insights with us. Your lectures and contributions have played a pivotal role in the success of this Summer School, and your commitment to promoting peace, nuclear disarmament, and non-proliferation is commendable.

The strategic partnership between the Mexican Secretariat for Foreign Affairs, the Matias Romero Institute, and the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies has been instrumental in organizing this meaningful event. I extend my sincere gratitude to all the

organizers for their tireless efforts in making this Summer School a reality and for providing this invaluable opportunity to young diplomats from Latin America and the Caribbean.

As you return to your home countries, I am certain that you will carry forward the knowledge and insights gained during this course and will make a significant impact in advancing our region's commitment to international peace and security.

Thank you again and safe flights back home.