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Welcoming 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 opening session of the 2020 online Latin American and Caribbean Nonproliferation and Disarmament Summer School

Distinguished colleagues,

Distinguished participants,

It is my pleasure to welcome you at the 2020 online Latin American and Caribbean Nonproliferation and Disarmament Summer School.

I would like to thank the Mexican Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Matias Romero Institute and James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies for organizing this fifth edition of the Summers School – the initiative which I consider a significant contribution of our region to the UN Resolution 73/59 “United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education”.

I am sure that during the next two weeks our participants will learn a lot about the nuclear safety and security, arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation, international organizations which work on reducing the nuclear threat, the role of the zones free of nuclear weapons and many others, from our distinguished speakers.

By establishing the first in the world zone free of nuclear weapons in a densely populated area, the Treaty of Tlatelolco has served as a model for all future nuclear-weapon-free zone agreements.

Dear participants,

You should be proud of being part of the Latin American and Caribbean diplomatic corps, which during the last 53 years have been contributing to the international peace and security and thus has demonstrated its full commitment to work for a nuclear-weapon-free world.

I wish you all fruitful and insightful discussions during this Summer School.

Thank you.