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Election of the Secretary-General Report of the Secretary-General

- Article 11, paragraph 1, of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) establishes that the Secretariat shall have a Secretary-General who shall serve a term of four years and may be re-elected for a single additional term. The Secretary-General may not be a national of the host country of the Agency.
- Articles 59, 60 and 61 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) (document Inf.25/2016) establish the modalities and conditions by which the election of the Secretary-General shall be carried out;
- 3. Likewise, Chapter II of the Standards Governing the Operation of the Secretariat (document **CG/E/666**), dedicated to the Secretary General, details the powers, rights and responsibilities, as the highest administrative officer of the Agency.
- 4. During the XXVI Session of the General Conference, Resolution **CG/Res.13/2019** of 7 November 2019 was adopted, by which Ambassador Flávio Roberto Bonzanini was elected as Secretary-General for the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2021.

Voting Procedures

5. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, each Member State shall have one vote. In the case of decisions on important matters, including the election

and removal of the Secretary-General, they shall be made by vote and with a two-thirds majority of the Member States present and voting.¹

6. The provisions for the voting process in the virtual modality are included in the document "Logistics and Requirements XXVII Ordinary Session of the General Conference of OPANAL" (Inf.35/2021).

Election of the Secretary-General

- 7. When the Secretary-General is to be elected, the General Conference shall proceed by secret ballot in closed session.
- 8. The Secretary-General shall serve a term of four years and may be re-elected for a single additional term. He may not be a national of the host country of the Agency. A Member State submitting a candidature for the post of Secretary-General should not have debts to the Agency either at the time of nomination or at the time of election. Member States that have outstanding obligations, but that have agreed with the Secretary-General on a specific programme for their cancellation, may apply for nominations for the post of Secretary-General, provided that they are complying, in a timely manner, with that specific program of payments.
- 9. In the event of the absolute absence of the Secretary-General, a new election shall be held to fill the position for the remainder of the term. To conduct this election, the Member State that presided over the last Session shall convene an Extraordinary Session of the General Conference. This shall take place before ninety days after such vacancy has elapsed.

Conclusions and Recommendations

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¹ States present and voting shall be understood as "States that vote for or against. Member States that abstain from voting are not considered as voters."

- 10. The General Conference at its XXVII Session shall elect the Secretary-General to take office on 1 January 2022, ending his term on 31 December 2025.
- 11. Brazil and Guatemala submitted their candidatures for the post of Secretary-General. On July 28, 2021, the Embassy of Guatemala in Mexico, through Note No.877/EMX/N3/2021, presented the candidacy of Mr. Guillermo Pacheco Gaitán. The Embassy of Brazil in Mexico, through Note 112 of August 4, 2021, presented the candidacy of Ambassador Flávio Roberto Bonzanini for re-election as the Secretary General of OPANAL. The *curriculum vitae* of the two candidates are annexed to this document.
- 12. Taking into account these considerations, the Secretary-General submits to the General Conference draft resolution **CG/L.15/2021.**

ANNEX I

GUILLERMO A. PACHECO GAITAN

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Professor | Political Scientist | Defence and Security Adviser | Diplomat

PROFESSIONAL RESUME

Specialist in Security and Defence, self-motivated, with more than thirty years of experience in the investigation and management for specialized audiences. Expert in the subject of Political Science and the Social Sciences; matters related to the Defence and Security of Latin America. Experience in the elaboration of the White Books of Defence, regional security, political defence, matters in political relations/civil military, as well as the organization and re-organization of the Ministry of Defence and Security. Exceptional abilities in written and verbal communication and skilled in the strategic planning and the resolution of matters. Excellent inter-personal abilities and proven abilities in the navigation of high-level personalities and the creation of successful programs and organizations. Extraordinary capacity in imparting knowledge and teaching.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SECURITY COLLEGE US - Washington D.C. Director of International Affairs January 2019 - Present

As Director of International Affairs, I oversee the international relations of the Security College US, which is an open and independent institution that provides bilingual access to professional academic training in Security and Defence matters in an international environment, in both presential and online modality. It is the mission of the Security College US to train ethical people, who are professionally competitive and engaged in the progress of society.

CONSULTANCY GPG – Washington D.C. Director October 2016 - Present

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Willian J. Perry Centre of Hemispheric Studies of Defence - National Defence University-Washington D.C. Professor of Practice October 2014 - September 2016

Research in the same subject areas to teach in all courses and seminars.

Participation in congresses, seminars and interventions in different countries of Latin America and Spain. Wrote on the topic of Hemispheric Security, Politics of Defence (White

Books), Ministries of Defence and military politics, with emphasis in the Central American region.

Planning and organizational skills: Planning, administration, management and support of the Sub-regional Conference for the Central American region; national security workshops in various countries of the region, seminar of security and defence in Washington; education for defence civilians. The planning and carrying out of academic activities with students of different countries. Support to the creation and planification of alumni associations in different countries.

Assistant Professor in National Security Matters Department of National Security, Centre for Hemispheric Studies of Defence, National Defence University (NDU). July 2006-December 2008

- Research and Writing: Research on personal topics of teaching to impart in each course and seminars. Participations in conferences, seminars and interventions in different countries in Latin America and Spain. Wrote on the theme of Hemispheric Security, Politics of Defence (White Books), Ministries of Defence and military politics, with emphasis in the Central American region.
- **Teaching and Presentation Skills:** Speaker and panellist in the fundamental courses in Defence Strategy and Policy, Interagency Counterterrorism Coordination, advanced stabilization operation courses. Security, Stability, Transformation and Reconstruction (SSTR, Terrorism and Counterinsurgency (TCI); and AMISTAD defence transformation. Participate in a regular basis in workshops and seminars conducted with the Ministers of Defence, Congress and high-ranking officials of the police and armed forces from countries of the hemisphere.
- Analytical Skills: Facilitator of working groups, to analyse the topics being studied, in the courses, seminaries and workshops in residence and in different countries, with the participation of various political, military officials and analysts. Presenting to different audiences the situation analysis of the Central American region. Participation in the selection and analytical process of choosing candidates to assist with the courses and seminaries.
- Strategic Planning and Problem Solving: Carrying out the strategic planning for
 regional events in Central America. Support in the strategic planning of the national
 security department. Assistance in the solution of the matter in affairs in residence
 and in the various countries. Participation in the curriculum reviewing process for the
 aforementioned courses. Participation on a regular basis in workshops and seminars
 conducted with the Ministers of Defence, Foreign Affairs and Security, members of
 Congress and high-ranking officials of the police and armed forces of the hemisphere.
- Planning and Organizations Skills: Planning, administration, direction and support in Sub-regional conferences for the Central American region, national security workshops in various countries within the region. Seminars of security and defense in Washington; educational seminaries for civilian defense. Planning and

coordinating with the students of various countries visited. Support the creation and implementation of alumni association in various countries.

Director of the Defence Policy Course
January - September, 2001
Academic Researcher and Facilitator
January - December, 2000
Project Towards a Democratic Security Policy
Latin American Faculty for the Social Sciences, Guatemalan Headquarters Institute for Development and Peace

- The project Towards a Democratic Security Policy (POLSEDE) that was initiated in 1999 and was finalized with a presentation of findings in February of 2003, was the initiative of two national organizations (FLACSO and IGEDEP) and the WSP International that in the face of the stagnation of the reform of the Armed Forces agreed in the Agreement on the Strengthening of The Civil Power and the Function of the Army in an Democratic Society (AFPC), it aimed to deepen the consolidation of the democratic system by adjusting the military function within the requirements of a Democratic State of Law.
- The new framework of necessary reforms between a society and an armed forces inserted within a democratic State showed a series of shortcomings and gaps that POLSEDE set out to work on. The most important is the technical ignorance of the problem of security and defense that was evident: weakness of the civil political leadership, to design, negotiate and implement the policies of the institutions of society in the conceptual management of the issue; and the limited capacity for proposal and articulation on the part of the organizations of society vis-à-vis the state authorities. The second is regarding relations between the armed forces and society: persistence of mutual distrust and disqualification resulting from polarization due to internal armed confrontation; distrust, disinformation, disorientation, and different levels of resistance to the transformation of the military institution, and the difficulties of all actors for intersectoral political dialogue derived from the fractionation and social polarization.
- This led to the need for a course that would allow participants from the various sectors of the project to be given the parameters and knowledge. A course was planned, designed, and implemented to respond to this, with the participation of mostly foreign speakers. This after the first phase of the work of the discussion groups, where representatives of various sectors (government, military, political, academics, universities, indigenous people, human rights groups, and researchers) agreed, which evidenced the ignorance of the problem of security and defense.

Associate Researcher June 1995 - December, 1997 Researcher and Deputy Director January 1998 - June, 1999

Institute of International Relations and Peace Research (IRIPAZ)

- 1. Carrying out analysis and follow-up research of the peace negotiations, spatially on the subject of the role of the Army in a democratic society.
- 2. Direction of the Civic-Military Dialogue Project, coordinating with the Headquarters of the General Staff of the Defense the events and with diverse sectors of society their participation.
- 3. Support the Director in his role of administering the Institute.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE Counselor of Civil-Military Relations July, 1999 - June, 2006 Political Advisor January, 2002 - June, 2006 Ministry of National Defense of Guatemala

Awards

White Nun Medal First Class of the Guatemalan Army Medal for Intellectual Merit of the Guatemalan Army

Political Advisor Embassy of Guatemala in Colombia Ministry of Foreign Affairs December, 1993 - February, 1995

Had the responsibility of representing the Ambassador in the political meetings that corresponded to the bilateral relations between Guatemala and Colombia. Oversaw commercial and cultural relations with the governmental, private and cultural organizations of the country. Was responsible for the participation of the President of the Republic in the IV Ibero-American Summit, which was held in October 1994 in the city of Cartagena, which motivated attending periodic meetings with the responsible authorities and with the representatives of the rest of the Ibero-American countries. I had under my responsibility of relationship with the Armed Forces and the Police for the exchanges between the respective countries.

Political Advisor Secretary General of the Presidency of the Republic Presidency of the Republic July, 1992-November, 1993

As Political Advisor in the political and administrative body par excellence of the Presidency of the Republic, I had under my responsibility the beginning of the process of institutional modernization, which included personnel, computers and the acquisition of equipment for the archiving and subsequent publication of the laws that the President of the Republic signed with his signature from the Legislative Body, the Governmental Agreements and Decrees issued by that Secretariat. I advised the Secretary General of the Presidency on the political scope of laws, agreements and decrees. Had the responsibility that was sent for discussion, for the subscription and discussion of political aspects of the laws.

MULITLATERAL EXPERIENCE

National Technical Coordinator (Guatemala) Central American Demining Program (PADCA) Organization of American States

January, 1998-December, 2004

As Legislative Advisor of the Commission of Studies for Peace and Demining, I had the responsibility for two years, to attend through the advice to the Deputy President of the Commission, of the technical issues of demining by the same political nature of its President, which provoked a rapprochement with the officials of the PADCA/OAS, prior to the approval of the advice for the demining process in Guatemala. When this was approved and ratified by the Congress of the Republic, I was proposed for the position of National Coordinator, from where I had the responsibility of planning, analyzing and executing all the actions related to the National Demining Plan, giving support to the national institutions that participate in the process: Congress of the Republic, the Guatemalan Army, Volunteer Fire Department, demobilized guerrilla organizations that were integrated into the program and mission of the Inter-American Defense Board. This advice and support were from the technical-political aspect, so that the decisions taken by the respective Legislative Commission, had the respective support, from training to the provision of facilities, equipment, food and communications respectively. It was an exercise in inter-institutional coordination par excellence, as well as civil-military relations, due to the participation of both parties in the process.

Awards and recognitions:
Medal of the Inter-American Defense Board
White Nun Medal of Second Class of the Guatemalan Army
Medal of Excellence by the Volunteer Fire Department
Legislative Recognition

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE
Legislative Advisor
Commission of Studies for Peace and Demining
Congress of the Republic
January, 1996 - December, 1997

As Legislative Advisor of a Political Commission of the Republic that had to carry out analyses and studies, to rule on the proposals resulting from the Peace Negotiations that were carrying out an internal war, it was necessary to delve into the background of the negotiations and the prospective of them and their legislative implications. The role of this Commission at this time was transcendental because the Peace Agreement was signed on December 29, 1996, and the analyses and studies before and after, were fundamental to cooperate in the process of implementations of the agreements. As Advisor, he had the responsibility of preparing the analyses that the Deputy President of the Commission requested, so that the Deputies members of the Commission, had sufficient grounds for the discussion of the laws, which demanded a relationship with governmental and academic institutions. It was an area of political exercise and persuasion, since the opinions had to be by consensus and experience

political-military relations, because they were among the members of the government group that negotiated, high-ranking military.

In addition, I had the responsibility of presenting to the Deputy President of the Commission, studies and analyses related to the process of demining and destruction of explosive devices, since at the same time he was the President of the National Commission of Demining, which demanded the relationship with other instances, not only governmental, but internal to the country such as the Volunteer Fire Department, Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defense, Guatemalan Army, demobilized (former guerrilla) and the Organization of American States, which through the Demining Program in Central America, to plan the process in Guatemala. I was responsible for drafting the respective law and the National Plan for The Demining and Destruction of Explosive Devices, which was approved by the Legislative Commission at the end of the year, 1997.

EDUCATION

University Institute "General Gutiérrez Mellado"
National Distance Education University of Spain
Doctoral Studies in Peace and International Security - (Start) May 2007 - July 2004

University of El Salvador Inter-American Defense College Master in Defense and Hemispheric Security - June 2006

Rafael Landívar University

Master in Political Science - June 1997

University of the Andes of Colombia
Interdisciplinary Center for Regional Studies [CIDER]
Master in Planning and Administration of Regional Development - June 1992

University of San Carlos of Guatemala Architecture Faculty Bachelor's degree in Architecture - June 1983

Other Studies

Inter-American Defence College - Inter-American Defence Board - Organization of American States

Higher Course in Defence and Hemispheric Security - Washington, D.C., June 2006 Organization of American States - United States Institute of Peace - Inter-American Defence College.

Crisis Management and Conflict Resolution. Washington, D.C., May 15-19, 2006. Inter-American Defence College - Center for Hemispheric Defence Studies. Defence **Planning and Transformation of Forces.** Washington, D.C., April 17-21, 2006.

Inter-American Defence College - National Defence University. **Course on Terrorism and other forms of Organized Violence**. Washington, D.C., January 3-April 4, 2006.

Inter-American Defence College.

Large-scale emergencies and disasters. Washington, D.C., March 20-23, 2006.

Inter-American Defence College -Naval Postgraduate School, Center for Civil-Military Relations

Civil-Military Relations. Washington, D.C., Washington, D.C., February 13-16, 2006.

Inter-American Defence College - Pearson Peacekeeping Center. Washington, D.C.

Integrated Peace Operations. Washington, D.C., February 6-10, 2006.

Inter-American Defence College.

Threats to the Security of the Western Hemisphere. Washington, D.C., October 25-28, 2006.

Center for Military Civil Relations, Naval Postgraduate School of Monterrey, California Civil-Military Relations. Guatemala, April 18-22, 2004.

Defence Resource Management Institute, Monterey, California.

International Course on Defence Resource Management, Monterey, February 2004.

Torcuato di Tella University [Argentina]

Course of Defense Policy- Mexico City, June 2002

Centre for Hemispheric Defense Studies [CHDS]

Course of Management and Administration of Defense Resources- February 1999

Centre for Civil-Military Relations [CCMR] Naval Postgraduate School

Course of Management and Administration of Defense Resources- February 1998

Centre for Civil-Military Relations [CCMR] Naval Postgraduate School Course of Civic-Military Relations- May 1997

Languages:

Spanish- spoken, read and understood fluently

English- spoken, read and understood at intermediate level [75%]

Portuguese- read and understood at intermediate level [50%]

French- read and understood at elementary level

Skills/Personal:

Computers: Internet, Blackboard, WebIQ, PowerPoint, Excel, and MS Word

Senior Coaching

Publications:

The Ministries of Defense in the Americas: The Time for Transformation. Comparative Atlas of Defense. The Security and Defense Network of Latin America (RESDAL), September, 2008, (Spanish, English and French)

The White Papers on Defense in Central America. Isidro Sepúlveda, Sonia Alda (eds.). La Administración de la Defensa en América Latina, Volume III. Estudios comparados. Madrid, 2008

Security Dialogue in Central America: A Challenge that Promotes Integration. Regional Insights, Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, No. 3, January, 2008

The Ministries of Defense in the Agenda for the Modernization of the State. Comparative Atlas of Defense. The Security and Defense Network of Latin America (RESDAL), 2007.

The Hemispheric Security Architecture: a perspective from the Special Conference on Security. Master thesis of Hemispheric Defense and Security. University of El Salvador – Inter-American Defense College. Washington D. C. June 2006

The process of Preparation of the Book of National Defense of Guatemala. Defense Policies and Preparation of Defense Books: Latin American experiences. Center of Hemispheric Defense Studies. Santiago de Chile 2003

Exterior security and interior security. The terrorist threat in Central America. Isidro Sepúlveda (ed.). Democracy and Security in Iberamérica: The challenges of Governance. General Gutiérrez Mellado University Institute. Madrid, Spain, 2003

Defense Policy in the framework of Military Reconversion: the case of Central America. First Ibero-American Week on Peace, Security and Defense. General Gutiérrez Mellado University Institute, Madrid, Spain. From 24 to 28 June 2002

Entre votos e botas. Relacoes civil-militares nas democricias emergentes de America central: entre o esquecimiento e a esperanca. Facultad de História e Servico Social. Universidade Stadual Paulista. UNESP, Brazil, 2001

The Legislative Issue in the Congress of the Republic of Guatemala. In the Legislative Technique in Central America and the Dominican Republic. Inter-American Institute of Human Rigths. Costa Rica, 2001

Defense Education: a topic for strengthening civil-military relations. Fourth Seminary on Defense Education. Center of Hemispheric Defense Studies. Washington D. C. May 2001. **Defense Policy. A theme for civilians and military**. International Seminar "Libros Blancos de la Defensa: consenso político y diseño comparado". La Paz, Bolivia, from 18 to 20 April

2001. Book published in August 2001 by the Bolivian Ministry of Defense.

Military Civil Relations in the Emerging Democracies of Central America. Seminar of Civic Military Relations. Center for Civil-Military Relations, Naval Postgraduate School,

Defense Education; a dimension for civil-military relations. XXII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association LASA. Miami, March 2000

Civic-Military Relations in the Emerging Democracies of Central America; from confrontation to cooperation. XXII Congress of the Latin American Studies Association LASA. Miami, March 2000.

The topic of Defense: a topic for the strengthening of civil-military relations in Guatemala. International Studies Magazine, No. 14 of June to December 1996. Institute of International Relations and Research for Peace IRIPAZ.

The New World Order and New Approaches to Security. No. 14 of June to December 1996. Institute of International Relations and Research for Peace IRIPAZ.

Diverse published articles about Security and Defense in various newspapers.

Professional Memberships

Monterey, California. August 2000

Latin America Security and Defense Network (RESDAL) Red Guatmalteco para la Seguridad Democrática (RED) Collegue of Arquitects of Guatemala (Collegiate No. 437) Instituto Guatemalteco para el Desarrollo y la Paz (IGEDEP) Latin American Council for Peace Research (CLAIP) Instituto de Relaciones Internacionales e Investigaciones para la Paz (IRIPAZ) Interamerican Planning Society (SIAP)

ANNEX II

FLÁVIO ROBERTO BONZANINI

Personal information and academic history:

Ambassador Flávio Roberto Bonzanini was born in Guaporé, Rio Grande do Sul, on 13 July 1948. He took the diplomatic career preparation course in the Rio Branco Institute (IRBr) from 1971 to 1972; he obtained a Law degree at the Brazilian Faculty of Legal Sciences / RJ (1972) and an Economics degree at the Universidad Federal del Distrito Federal / DF (1975); he took the High Studies Course (IRBr) in 1990.

Diplomatic career:

He joined the Brazilian Foreign Service in 1973. In Brazil, he worked in the Division of the Latin American Free Trade Association (LAFTA); he was Chief of the Cabinet of the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Communications (SGAD); Deputy Chief of the Secretariat of Administrative Modernization (SEMOR); Chief of the Division of Consular Assistance (DAC); Deputy Chief of the Directorate General of Consular, Legal and Assistance Affairs to Brazilians abroad; and Chief of the Representation Office of Itamaraty in Rio Grande do Sul (ERESUL). He was member of the examiners board of the IRBr High Studies Course (CAE).

Abroad, he served in the Permanent Delegation of Brazil to the LAIA (1981-84) and at the Embassies in Italy (1977-81), Chile (1988-92), Colombia (1992-94) and Belgium (1998-2005), where he was Minister Counselor and Brazilian Representative to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (1998-2005). He was Ambassador of Brazil in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (2005-2009) and Consul General in Ciudad del Este (2009-2014), Santiago (2014-2016) and Lagos (2018-2019).

Since 1st January 2020, Ambassador Bonzanini works as Secretary-General of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, based in Mexico City.