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Contribution of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) to the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Resolution 77/52 “United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education”

Executive Summary

This contribution outlines the activities carried out by the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation education since its last submission, dated 3 April 2024, in implementation of General Assembly resolution 77/52.

OPANAL continued to strengthen regional capacities through its flagship Course on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, delivering five editions in both in-person and virtual formats, in cooperation with Member States and national diplomatic academies. In parallel, the Summer School on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, organized jointly with the Government of Mexico, the Matías Romero Institute and the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, provided specialized training to diplomats from across the region, reinforcing technical knowledge and professional networks.

The Secretariat further expanded its internship programmes, enhancing geographic diversity and consolidating partnerships, including through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Republic of Korea and support from Soka Gakkai for Caribbean participants. These initiatives contributed to capacity-building and practical training for young professionals in disarmament and non-proliferation.

OPANAL also promoted education and awareness through cooperation with academic institutions, outreach activities, and participation in the International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness, including public events and digital campaigns highlighting the achievements of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and the importance of nuclear-weapon-free zones.

In addition, the Agency introduced the Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade Award for Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, which aims to foster and give visibility to academic research and regional dialogue in these topics. Member States further underscored the importance of education through joint declarations and communiqués.

These efforts reflect OPANAL's continued commitment to advancing disarmament and non-proliferation education as a contribution to international peace and security, and to promoting the objectives of the United Nations study in the Latin American and Caribbean region.