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Statement by

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As a result, the 33 Member States of OPANAL hold an unsurpassed record in the field of nuclear nonproliferation and a firm position on nuclear disarmament. There have never been and there will never be nuclear weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean. No State in the region is under extended nuclear deterrence policies by means of military alliances.

As stated in the preambular paragraph 1 of the 1985 Declaration of the Signatory States, whose territories are wholly free from nuclear weapons, imposes upon them the inescapable duty of preserving that situation both in their own interests and for the good of the region.

Mme President,

OPANAL submits to this Conference for consideration a working paper containing 16 items that Latin American and Caribbean States consider essential for progress in the implementation of the NPT regime. Latin American and Caribbean States urge the Conference to include these elements in the final document.

Mme President,

Latin America and the Caribbean, true to their tradition of respect for International Law, sought security through an unprecedented treaty that has served as an inspiration to four other regions: the South Pacific, the Middle East, the Arctic and the Antarctic. They believe it is possible for our Planet to thrive without the permanent threat posed by nuclear weapons.

Thank you.