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Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament - The Future of the NPT

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Full audio transcription *

Quotes in Spanish and Portuguese translated into English

Closing Remarks, October 30, 2009

Marcos de Azambuja: -We are near the end of our work and I have the privilege of literally having the last word. So, I will use it in a parsimonious way, and essentially to express my appreciation. I believe that in the first place I should thank our sponsors: the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, the European Union, the Government of Norway through its Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Embassy of the United States of America, the Consulate of Argentina, the Consulate of Canada, Eletronuclear, Nucleoeléctrica Argentina S.A, the Nuclear Regulatory Authority of Argentina, and also last but not least United Nations that lent us Ambassador Sergio Duarte, who returned home at least for a few days, for the pleasure and delight of his fellow countrymen, and his contemporaries, as in my case. I also want to thank our partnership of Correios, for lending us these excellent facilities and for their impeccable treatment, welcome, and hospitality. It gives prestige to Correios and to our organization. We both end up winning. Also, I want to highlight the support we received from the Brazilian Association of Nuclear Energy for their collaboration with an advertisement in their magazine. Now, a special word of fundamental importance for our co-organizer NPSGlobal, the Non-proliferation for Global Security Foundation,, here represented by Ms. Irma Arguello. I want to thank her presence and give the floor to her for her appreciations. [Note: Speech on behalf of the NPSGlobal Foundation was delivered by Marta Planisi.]

Marta Planisi: -Thank you Ambassador. Ladies, gentlemen, this Seminar of Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament – The Future of the NPT, has finally reached its end. We know that we are far from having exhausted the matter, but during these two days we were able to clearly outline the issues of major relevance relating to the system that shapes the three pillars of the Non Proliferation Treaty: disarmament, non-proliferation, and peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

We had a unique opportunity to hear brilliant presentations with very diverse visions, but with a highly constructive spirit as common denominator. We will find, in about a week, the texts of all these interventions at the NPSGlobal and CEBRI websites. Such presentations have been made by world-class speakers, who came to Rio de Janeiro to support with their presence this effort made for the very first time in Latin America. To each one of them, our warmest appreciation.

Many concepts have been poured here concerning the importance of the new NPT Review in 2010 and what can be expected from it. Many ideas for the future had been provided that could reinforce the regime of disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation, highlighting as a fundamental value the nations' inalienable right to peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

We have been pleasantly surprised to find among the audience a big proportion of young people interested in the topics that have been discussed. This presence is in full compliance with some of the key objectives pursued by the Foundation. These objectives are: the generous transfer of knowledge and the education of new generations as means to address nuclear threats.

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In this sense, and to deepen this concept, the Foundation launches with enthusiasm in March 2010 a Regional Postgraduate Course in Disarmament and Nonproliferation, which will be the first one in the world of this type to be taught in Spanish, and facilitated for Portuguese speaking students, which more or less allow us to say, that it will be dictated in "*portuño*". [laughs] We look forward to count on the participation of all Latin America.

As a representative of the NPSGlobal Foundation, I want to share with you my satisfaction with the results we achieved and give our special and warm greeting to the CEBRI, with whom we have worked hard over many months, but always with joy, until reaching the tangible results we were able to see in this Seminar. We also deeply adhere to all the acknowledgments made by the Ambassador and finally, I want to say that the NPSGlobal Foundation closes this event with the conviction that we have met our objectives. Thank you.

Applause

Marcos de Azambuja: -Thank you. I would want to say one word of special appreciation to CEBRI, in the person of Georges Landau and Denise Gregory. A conference like this is a big challenge, and I believe that they fulfilled what was expected from them on a bright way.

Marta Planisi: -Yes, bright...

Marcos de Azambuja: - I see as a part of the audience many friends but it is impossible to name all of them as we would lose time. Thank you all. Welcome to Rio de Janeiro, good luck, and see you soon.



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