

In conclusion, I should like to make some brief remarks on the signing in Mexico City earlier this month of a treaty to denuclearize Latin America and the Caribbean. This is a development which we in Canada have warmly welcomed. We extend our congratulations to our Latin American and Caribbean friends (and I should mention the contribution of our Mexican colleague, Senor Garcia Robles in particular), noting that theirs is a unique achievement, which establishes an important precedent. The signing of this treaty is eloquent testimony to the tireless efforts of our neighbours, who have taken steps toward excluding nuclear weapons from their area and toward ensuring that nuclear energy is used exclusively for peaceful purposes. Let us hope that this achievement will lend impetus to our efforts here to reach agreement on a universal non-proliferation treaty.

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