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Dear Elena,

On behalf of Middlebury, I want to offer our sincere congratulations to the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation on its tenth anniversary.

Over the past ten years, VCDNP has become a highly active and effective training center, an important partner to dozens of worldwide organizations, and a leader in the efforts to improve gender and age balance in the field of non-proliferation, arms control, and disarmament. It is an honor to have been able, through our connection with the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Middlebury Institute in Monterey, to be a partner in supporting this work.

Over the past year and a half, during the global COVID pandemic, VCDNP's ability to pivot from in-person courses and workshops to online events, and the high amount of interest and participation in its programs from around the globe, are further evidence that the Center is being led with exceptional vision and will only increase its impact in international disarmament efforts.

Wishing you and your colleagues well as you mark this important occasion and celebrate the success of your first ten years.

Sincerely,

Laurie L. Patton  
President