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Distinguished authorities, ladies and gentlemen:

The Spanish Air Force is very pleased to host a new edition of this prestigious seminar. Today, I want to give special thanks to all the people who honor us with their presence at the Spanish Air Force Warfare Centre.

First of all, allow me to transmit the kind words of His Majesty the King of Spain on the occasion of this twenty-first edition of the Kindelán Chair:

“As Honorary President of the Kindelán Chair, I truly desire that the twenty-first international seminar, devoted this time to the subject “the air and space power in special operations”, reaches the desired results.

I am sure this new edition of the Chair will contribute to maintain a high spirit of collaboration among the different participant countries and it will constitute a good reference for the elaboration and upgrade of the doctrine in this field.

I would like to show my recognition and congratulations to the Spanish Air Force, the Air Warfare Centre and everyone who, in any way, has contributed with their effort and dedication to the celebration of this meeting.

Juan Carlos, King”.

The main goal of the Alfredo Kindelán Chair is to promote the aeronautical thinking, which deals with the technological, human, social and economic challenges that our Air Forces and Organizations should match.

The Chair wants to pay tribute to those aviators who set the standards that nowadays enable our Air Forces to reach the highest level in terms of capabilities, security, safety and efficiency.

During the next few days, distinguished guest speakers and selected representatives will present and discuss the subject:

“AIR AND SPACE POWER IN SPECIAL OPERATIONS”

I would like to express my acknowledgement and gratitude to all the participants, especially to the representatives of the allied and friendly Air Forces, and both national and international organizations.

Wishing that these following days of common work, reflection and understanding allow us to reach a better knowledge of the topic, to identify areas of common interest and to strengthen the bonds among us.

I DECLARE THE 21st INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR OF THE “ALFREDO KINDELAN” CHAIR INAUGURATED.
Closing of the 2011 International Seminar of the “Alfredo Kindelán” Chair

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Ladies and gentlemen, dear friends:

We have arrived to the end of the 2011 edition of the Kindelan Chair.

General Luengo, as Director of the Air Warfare Centre, has made a good exercise by reducing to a few slices the conclusions of the working group.

So it is mandatory my first words of thanksgiving go to the people engaged in this group, in which professionalism and knowledge are gathered.

Likewise, we have had the privilege of having some high level speakers that have provided us valuable first hand information to be able to better understand the organization, doctrine, means and people that are behind the Special Forces Operations in each country or organization.

From all the conclusions General Luengo has exposed I take one that has been mentioned by all the speakers.

In few words I can say that the human being is the most important asset we share, not only in Special Forces Operations, but in every single position in our air forces.

As well, I would like to take the opportunity to say thanks to the people working here in the Air Warfare Centre for their work during the preparation and execution of this seminar. I am sure that you are right now working for the next edition of the Kindelan Chair, and I want to encourage you to maintain the high level speakers and representatives you got for this edition.

So once arrived to this point I request you to stand up...

“On behalf of His Majesty the King of Spain, I declare the twentyfirst edition of the International Seminar of the Alfredo Kindelán Chair closed”.

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