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Mr. Chairman,

Thailand aligns itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished Permanent Representative of Viet Nam on behalf of ASEAN.

Our delegation is of the view that the work of the Programme of Assistance constitutes a core activity of the UN in disseminating international law and promoting rule of law. We strongly believe in the laudable objectives of the Programme of Assistance in enhancing a better understanding of international law as a means of strengthening international peace and security and promoting friendly relations and cooperation among the Member States.

Thailand wishes to associate with other delegations in commending the efforts of the Secretary-General, through the Office of Legal Affairs and its the Codification Division, in carrying out the mandated activities under the Programme of Assistance. Our appreciation also goes to those countries and international institutions and organizations, as well as individuals that have supported the different activities of the Programme of Assistance.

The publications and resources made available by the Codification Division have been useful for research and study in the field of international law, in particular the UN Audiovisual Library, which provides access, through the use of new technologies, to the invaluable historical archives of the United Nations as well as the lectures by distinguished scholars on various areas of international law.

Furthermore, the international fellowships programme given to qualified candidates from the developing countries, together with study visits, regional courses and seminars organized by the Office of Legal Affairs have helped to increase the knowledge and expertise of legal practitioners around the world. Thailand recognizes the importance of the regional courses in international law, which presents a great opportunity for mid-level government officials and young academics of international law in developing countries to receive high-quality training from leading scholars and practitioners and to deepen their knowledge of international law and of the legal work of the United Nations as well as engaging in fruitful discussions. In addition, the interactive nature of the training allows the participants from different legal backgrounds to share experiences and exchange ideas, which promotes greater understanding and cooperation on legal matters in the region.

Mr. Chairman,

I am proud to announce that next month, Thailand will, for the third time, co-host, in cooperation with the Codification Division, the Asia-Pacific regional course in international law for three weeks in Bangkok. This event reflects Thailand's commitment to continue supporting the Programme of Assistance not only through direct contributions to the Organization's regular budget but also in the form of assistance by hosting seminars and regional courses.

In conclusion, to ensure the effective implementation of the Programme of Assistance, it is crucial that the Programme of Assistance be provided with adequate resources, both from the assessed as well as voluntary contributions from all Member States. Just as the Secretariat has the responsibility to carry out the activities under this Programme efficiently and transparently, we, the Member States, also have the responsibility to remain mindful of the Programme's funding requirements, and to contribute accordingly.

Thank you.
