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Mr. Chairman,

Israel believes that international law is the cornerstone of peace and security and that it plays a key role in facilitating international relations between states. In this regard, Israel supports all efforts to enhance the “dissemination and wider appreciation of international law.”

Israel commends the accomplishments of the codification division within the Office of Legal Affairs. We firmly support the Secretary General's report which stressed the importance of regional seminars in boosting International law education for scholars and officials across the globe. We believe it is highly important that international law will be learned in a regional context, in a course that is adapted to the needs of the regional practitioners. Israel hopes to see such events held more frequently and covering more regions of the world.

Israel also supports the audiovisual library. It will no doubt serve as a key tool in providing accessible information to scholars and students worldwide. Israel trusts that sufficient funding will be found to facilitate the adequate functioning of the library. As in previous years, and even in light of our budgetary constraints, Israel will demonstrate its support for the work of the library with a voluntary contribution of \$5,000 USD.

Thank You,