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Mr. Chairman,

Brazil associates itself with the statement delivered by Costa Rica on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC). Allow me to deliver brief remarks from a national perspective.

According to the preamble of the Charter, one of the priorities of the UN is to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained. The Programme of Assistance, that is about to celebrate its 50th anniversary, embodies a notion whose relevance cannot be overstated: that we can reach peace through law. UN efforts to promote the teaching, studying and dissemination of international law should therefore receive the means and resources it unquestionably deserves.

Last week, while discussing agenda item 82, my delegation had the opportunity to share with this Committee our perception that it seemed paradoxical that, while the debate on the rule of law was gaining prominence, the funding for the Programme of Assistance was being removed from the regular budget of this Organization.

The recent recommendations adopted by the Advisory Committee for the Programme of Assistance are a clear step forward and my delegation welcomes the flexibility exercised in order to achieve consensus. Brazil is committed to pursue that these recommendations are not only reflected in the resolution to be adopted in this Committee, but also obtain the due approval by the V Committee of the General Assembly. We are confident that we can, together, turn the tide and ensure the resources truly deserved by the Programme of Assistance.

Thank you.