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We thank the Secretary General for his report on the Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. We also thank Ghana for its leadership on this initiative.

The international rules-based order is crucial to the peaceful settlement of disputes, the maintenance of human rights, and human and economic development.

Compliance with international law requires, among other things, the effective dissemination of international law including through capacity building at all levels and information sharing.

The United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law is a vital tool for the dissemination of international law globally. Over the last half a century, the Programme of Assistance has made a strong contribution to achieving the goals of the United Nations by providing scholars and practitioners access to rich and varied training and other valuable resources on international law.

Australia welcomes the active and continued engagement of the Secretariat in pursuing its mandate regarding the Programme of Assistance. This engagement is evident in the Secretary-General's report. Australia strongly encourages the Secretariat to continue its good work in this area.