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*Mr. Chairman,*

I would like to thank the Secretary-General for his report on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination, and Wider Appreciation of International Law. I would also like to express gratitude to all those who supported or contributed to the Programme. And through it – to the furthering of the knowledge and understanding of international law and capacity-building, benefiting in particular the developing countries. Wide dissemination and appreciation of international law is crucial for the strengthening of the rule of law and rules-based international order that support the United Nations goals of peace and security, human rights and development. And to the promotion of friendly relations and cooperation among States which are needed more than ever, given the contemporary challenges.

We welcome the efficiency and progress made within the framework of the Programme since the last report. It is worth recognition that for another consecutive year the Regional Courses in International Law for Asia-Pacific and for Africa, with diverse participation, could be organized. At the same it is regrettable that, owing to the outbreak of COVID-19, the Regional Course in International Law for Latin America and the Caribbean as well 2020 edition of the International Law Fellowship Programme could not be held. We hope that the situation will allow for future training programmes to be conducted as scheduled.

The addition of new recordings, instruments and materials to the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is noted with appreciation. We recognize the steps taken in order to improve its accessibility and dissemination of its content, and encourage their continuation. At the same time we look forward to the resumption of recordings, including by way of innovative solutions, and increasing the diversity of the Library's lecturers.

Poland recognizes the valuable work of the Office of Legal Affairs, in particular its Codification Division, in implementing the Programme of Assistance, undertaken notwithstanding the COVID-19 outbreak and limited resources, and encourages its continuation. In line with our long-standing commitment to promoting international law and respect for it, we continue to support the Programme, including by regularly contributing to it financially and serving as a member of its Advisory Committee. We call for an ever stronger, steadfast support for the Programme, including by approving necessary financial resources in the regular budget and providing in-kind and financial contributions. Seventy five years after the adoption of the Charter of the United Nations it remains vital to foster initiatives contributing to the achievement of Charter's objective of establishing conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained.

*Thank you Mr. Chairman.*