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Mr. Chair,

1. Thailand aligns itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished representatives of **Pakistan on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and Cambodia on behalf of ASEAN.**

2. If knowledge is power, then knowledge of the law is empowering. Thailand therefore **welcomes the Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Assistance**, as well as the important contribution made by **the Advisory Committee** on the Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. We **commend, in particular, the Codification Division of the UN Office of Legal Affairs** for its endeavour to promote a better knowledge of international law.

Mr. Chair,

3. Knowledge, together with appreciation, of international law is key to justice, peace, security, and friendly relations and cooperation among States. In this regard, **the United Nations Programme of Assistance**, with its mandate to contribute to a better knowledge of international law, **is instrumental in realizing all the above-mentioned aspirations we desire for.**

4. Thailand wishes to take this opportunity to reiterate our **full support to the United Nations Programme of Assistance**, and to highlight the following points:

5. First, Thailand recognizes the **advantage of having in-person trainings** as they are excellent opportunities for participants to **expand networks, exchange best practices and knowledge as well as interact with prominent jurists and practitioners – rare opportunities for many in developing countries.** Thailand, therefore, is very pleased that an increasing number of activities under the Programme of Assistance can now be held in-person.

In particular, we are honoured and look forward to **co-hosting, with the Codification Division, the UN Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific in Bangkok later next month** (14 November - 7 December 2022). We co-host this important training with a firm belief that strengthening legal knowledge through capacity building will not only contribute to the codification and progressive development of international law, but also promote the rule of law which is at the bedrock of inter-State relations and of multilateralism.

6. Second, while Thailand sees the irreplaceable advantage of in-person trainings, we strongly believe in inclusiveness. **Dissemination of knowledge should reach far beyond attendees at on-site activities.** We thus strongly encourage the utilization of technology and digital platforms such as podcasts, online courses or even social media platforms to publish recordings of on-site courses or other teaching materials so that knowledge and appreciation of international law can reach the general public far and wide.

7. Third, we **commend the efforts made by the Codification Division to continue to enlarge the pool of study and research resources on the Audiovisual Library of International Law as well as make them available on various podcast channels**, all of which prove to be invaluable for legal scholars, students and those interested in deepening their knowledge of international law. In this regard, we wish to emphasize the importance of **having the Audiovisual Library reflect diversity in international law**, in particular diversity in the international legal systems, languages and geographical representation.

10. To conclude, Thailand wishes to **reiterate our strong determination to continue to work with the Codification Division and contribute to the Programme of Assistance to promote a better knowledge of international law.** We firmly believe in the importance of legal knowledge and its promotion and recognize the vital role of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in this regard. And, we are honoured to contribute our part, and will continue to do so, to promote the knowledge and appreciation of international law, which in turn can promote the maintenance of peace and security and strengthen international cooperation.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.
