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Mr. Chair/Madame Chairperson,

The United Kingdom thanks the Secretary-General for his report on the implementation of the Programme of Assistance and the activities planned for 2023.

We commend the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs for its efforts in conducting Programme activities during the last year, and particularly for finding ways to deliver the Programme despite the difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope more in-person training will be possible in 2023.

The Programme of Assistance continues to play an important role in the delivery of international law training and dissemination of legal knowledge globally, facilitating the effective participation of diverse countries in multilateral frameworks and fora. It is an important contribution to the rule of law, the promotion of friendly relations, and the strengthening of international peace and security.

The United Kingdom is pleased to continue making voluntary contributions to the Programme: supporting, in particular, the International Law Handbook and Seminar, the Audiovisual Library of International Law, the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea, and the Trust Fund for the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

The United Kingdom looks forward to continuing to support the Programme of Assistance through voluntary contributions in 2022. We encourages other States to continue their support.

Thank you, Mr. Chair/Madame Chairperson.