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Thank you, Chair.

The United States thanks the Secretary-General for his report on the work of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. The work of the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs in implementing the Programme of Assistance is foundational to promoting the understanding of international law. The regional courses in Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean by preeminent scholars and practitioners are effective because they are both timely and practical. The large numbers of applicants for these training programs demonstrate the great demand for this kind of high-quality instruction. The International Law Fellowship offers an important opportunity for scholars and practitioners from different legal systems and geographic regions. The Alumni Network allows participants to reap benefits long after the completion of their programs through the continued sharing of ideas and experiences. The growing catalog of high-quality training materials, provided free of charge to more than 2.9 million people through the Audiovisual Library of International Law, is a testament to the breadth of the Programme's reach. The United States is pleased to serve on the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance and to support the important work of increasing an appreciation for international law.

The United States takes this opportunity to commend the Codification Division on its work and to express its appreciation for the generous financial and in-kind contributions of Member States that make the work possible. The resources and experiences that the programs make available expand the global appreciation for international law, and in so doing, further the UN's highest goals for international peace and security.

Thank you.