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Chair,

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

We commend the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs for its efforts in conducting Programme activities during the last year.

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. In so doing, the Programme makes an effective contribution to the rule of law, to the promotion of friendly relations, and to 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 Seminar, the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea, the Trust Fund for the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, and the ICJ Judicial Fellowship Programme.

The United Kingdom looks forward to continuing to support the Programme of Assistance through voluntary contributions next year, and encourages other States to continue their support, too.

Thank you, Chair