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Mr. Chairman,

Brazil fully associates itself with the speech delivered by Cuba on behalf of the members of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States – CELAC.

Allow me to make the following complementary remarks in my national capacity. One attribute of the Programme of Assistance that should be emphasized in our discussions is the promotion of peace, by means of teaching, studying and disseminating international law. Initiatives that seek to accomplish what has been established as a priority already in the Preamble of the Charter, “establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained” should be seen as priorities for the Organization, and receive the means and resources it deserves.

Currently, the debate on the rule of law at the national and international levels has gained prominence in this Organization. At the same time, and paradoxically, we bear witness to a continuous lack of funding in a Programme whose main purpose is to foster the rule of law by means of promoting education in international law. If we are to be coherent, we ought to solve this puzzle.

At a time when the Secretary-General himself has emphasized the importance of prevention, let us not forget that education in international law is a cornerstone of lasting peace.

Thank you.