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**Statement**

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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, Thailand aligns itself with the Statement delivered by His Excellency the Permanent Representative of South Africa on behalf of Group of 77 and China.

As this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Programme of Assistance, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize the remarkable contribution that the Programme has made to the promotion of understanding of international law, the advancement of the rule of law, the enhancement of international peace and security, as well as the strengthening of friendly relations and cooperation among States.

Thailand joins other delegations in commending the laudable efforts of the Secretary-General, through the Office of Legal Affairs and the Codification Division, in carrying out the mandated activities under the Programme of Assistance. We also welcome the support of Member states, international organizations and institutions rendered to the carrying out of the Programme of Assistance and encourage such support to continue.

Mr. Chairman,

Thailand stresses that the UN Audiovisual Library of International Law enables international lawyers all over the world to have access to low cost and high-quality legal training through the internet. We would like to voice support for the efforts of the Codification office in exploring the possibility of making lectures in the Lecture Series available on podcasts or in another downloadable format in order to make them more accessible to users who experience problem streaming them in developing countries. We would also like to stress the importance of raising awareness of the UN Audiovisual Library so as to encourage more access by international lawyers in developing countries.

Mr. Chairman,

To respond to changes in the global context and development of international law that follows, Thailand would like to reiterate the importance of the UN Regional Courses in International Law as an intellectual platform which equips all legal practitioners from the developing countries in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin American and the Caribbean with invaluable knowledge through the high-quality training conducted by the world's leading scholars and practitioners. Additionally, Thailand is also of the view that regional courses are

forum for practitioners from developing countries to establish valuable regional network and the spirit of amicable friendship.

In this connection, Thailand is honoured to be the host country for regional course for Asia-Pacific in 2012 and we reaffirm our readiness to host regional course for Asia-Pacific in 2016.

Thailand is also pleased to learn of the success of Regional Course for Africa held in February this year. We hope that the same success pattern will follow for all regional courses to be held in 2016.

Mr. Chairman,

Thailand welcomes the positive development with regard to budgetary resources in the framework of the Sixth Committee and ACABQ in the past year. We hope that the same spirit will continue in the Fifth Committee and the General Assembly leading to sufficient and predictable budget and resources being allocated to regional courses.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman