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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the statement delivered by the distinguished Permanent Representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of G77 and China.

At the outset, we wish to express our gratitude to the Secretary-General for the comprehensive report and updated overview on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. We also would like to express our appreciation to the Office of Legal Affairs, the Codification Division for carrying out activities under the Programme of Assistance; and all countries, international institutions and organizations, as well as individuals who have supported and made voluntary contributions to various activities of the Programme.

Mr. Chairman,

50 years ago, the Programme of Assistance was established to contribute towards a better knowledge of international law as a means of strengthening international peace and security and of promoting friendly relations and cooperation among States. It now continues to make a great contribution to educating students and practitioners throughout the world in international law and has clearly earned continuing and strong support.

The rule of law is an important foundation for universal respect for the principles of justice. Full implementation of the rule of law at national and international levels is crucial for the maintenance of durable peace, peaceful settlement of disputes, effective protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In this regard, it is clear that knowledge of international law is a key component to furthering the rule of law at the national and international levels. Therefore, our delegation sees the Programme as one of the key tools to strengthen the rule of law and strongly believe that regional courses in international law, the audiovisual library and other Programme of Assistance activities are valuable and worthy of support and that this excellent Programme thrives for years to come.

We are of the view that the Programme is an important building block in the promotion of rule of law that incorporates fundamental issues, which includes peace, security and development. Through this Programme, member States are exposed to various scopes of international law that helps create understanding and enhances international relations. Therefore, our delegation remains firmly committed to fully supporting the activities under the Programme of Assistance, which aims to provide training and knowledge in the area of international law.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman and other distinguished delegates, for your kind attention.