



Statement

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Thank you Mr. Chair,

Lebanon, a country that sees international law as our main asset and the cornerstone of a multilateral-based order, reaffirms its longstanding support to this Programme.

Throughout the years, the UN Programme has provided legal knowledge to generations of jurists, practitioners, diplomats, students, from both developed and developing countries, thus strengthening capacity-building and contributing to the promotion of the rule of law.

I wish to thank here the Secretary-General for his report on this item and which covers the activities in 2018 and those planned for 2019.

We welcome the convening this year of the International Law Fellowship Programme, as well as the Regional Courses in Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean. We look forward to the Asia-Pacific Regional Course that will be held in the upcoming weeks in Bangkok. They remain essential for the dissemination of international law, and also serve as a valuable platform for exchange and network for many of the participants. The number of applicants demonstrates the growing demand and success of those courses. Participants' surveys conducted at the end of the trainings are useful in helping to identify those emerging areas of laws that could be included in future courses. We encourage further diversity in the selection of lecturers, in particular those coming from Arab law schools.

Mr. Chair,

It has been 10 years since the creation of the Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL). The significant number of lectures recorded, be it on site or off site, coupled with the high number of users, are a sign of the AVL continued relevance. We note with appreciation the recording of 50 new lectures during the reporting period. Additionally, we hope that the podcast project launched last year will help bridge the gap of accessibility for users from developing countries.

Outreach to relevant public and private institutions could be strengthened in order to enhance dissemination of the AVL. We suggest, for instance, that lectures available in the AVL could be further disseminated through Law Schools, on their website or social media.

Furthermore, we laud the efforts of the Codification Division for the International Law Book, in both French and English and we stress on the importance of making resources available to have it translated in the other four official languages.

I take this opportunity to highlight the tremendous work of the members of the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs in helping to implement the Programme, and I wish to express my recognition to them. In this regard, Lebanon welcomes the new Secretary of the Advisory Committee, Ms. Jessica Elbaz, and assures her of my delegation's support. In the same vein, we thank all countries hosting the courses as well as the Economic Commission of Africa and the Economic Commission for Latin American and the Caribbean, and those who continuously contribute and support the UN Programme of Assistance.