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**Statement**

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Mr. Chair,

Thailand aligns itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished representative of Egypt on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and by the distinguished representative of Cambodia, on behalf of ASEAN.

First and foremost, Thailand wishes to commend and express appreciation to the Office of Legal Affairs for their tireless efforts in carrying out the mandated activities under the Programme of Assistance. The provision of fellowships to candidates from developing countries, arrangements of study visits and organization of regional courses and seminars have all helped increase the knowledge and expertise of practitioners of international law around the world. Indeed, the increased use of ICT for the Audio Visual Library and its numerous archived lecture series, including the use of podcasts, plays a significant part in the wider dissemination of international law. We are satisfied with this area of development and encourage all sides to further these types of improvements in the coming years.

Mr. Chair,

Thailand strongly believes in the laudable objectives of the Programme of Assistance in promoting better and deeper understanding of international law. It is a means of strengthening international peace and security and promoting friendly relations and cooperation among Member States. Thailand's strong commitment is aptly reflected in our continued support of the Programme of Assistance, directly or indirectly, and financially or otherwise, including through various frameworks of South-South Cooperation. Thailand is honoured once again to become host country of the 2018 United Nations Regional Course in International Law in Bangkok next month, from the 19<sup>th</sup> of November to 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2018. We stand ready to continue this same spirit of cooperation and collaboration with the Codification Division in the organisation of future Regional Courses for the Asia-Pacific in Bangkok and to open our doors to scholars from across the region, and we hope that more women will be able to participate in these programmes.

Mr. Chair,

Last but not least, it cannot be emphasised enough that sustained and predictable funding is critical for the effective implementation of the Programme of Assistance. To this end, it is our collective responsibility to ensure that the Programme has adequate funding so that it runs as smoothly and as seamlessly as possible.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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