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Mr. Chair,

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

2. My delegation would like to thank the Secretary-General for his report, as contained in document A/74/496, which provides a useful summary of the activities already undertaken and also those activities that are planned for 2020 to implement the Programme of Assistance.

3. We wish to commend and express our appreciation to the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs for the work done thus far and for its laudable efforts in ensuring that the Programme of Assistance is carried out and implemented fully. Our sincere appreciation also goes to the Advisory Committee, chaired by the Her Excellency Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee, Permanent Representative of Ghana, for its useful guidance and recommendations.

Mr. Chair,

4. The Programme of Assistance has played a vital role in promoting better and deeper understanding of international law. It serves to enhance the maintaining of international peace and security, strengthening the rule of law at all levels, fostering friendly relations among nations, as well as advancing progress towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

5. We are very pleased to see the increased usage of ICT for the Audiovisual Library and its numerous lecture series, international law materials, including the use of podcasts, in a large archive and database. These useful resources provide an open and unlimited access to knowledge and information, promoting a wider understanding and appreciation of international law not only to government officials but also to the general public. Noting many technical challenges faced by the Secretariat, we hope to see further improvements in the coming years, such as the off-site recordings of lectures including in other languages and the update of contents regarding the United Nations Regional Course in International Law for the Asia-Pacific region.

Mr. Chair,

6. Thailand attaches great importance to the dissemination of knowledge of international law, hence our strong and unwavering commitment to the Programme of Assistance, directly or indirectly, and financially or otherwise. In this regard, Thailand is proud to co-host the United Nations Regional Course in International Law for the Asia-Pacific for the seventh time, and eagerly looks forward to welcoming delegates to this year's Course, to be held from 18 November to 13 December at UNESCAP in Bangkok. Thailand also hopes to co-host the Course regularly in the future.

7. The UN Regional Courses have provided participants from various professions, including the academia, with an opportunity to have greater and deeper understanding of international law and to receive legal training from highly qualified international law scholars and practitioners on a broad range of current topics of international law. It is our firm belief that this will ensure and enhance the dissemination of international law to other professions, scholars and the general public across the regions as well as around the world.

Mr. Chair,

8. Last but not least, Thailand reiterates the importance of regular and adequate funding, which is crucial for the effective implementation of the Programme of Assistance. It is our collective responsibility to ensure the smooth and continued operation of the Programme of Assistance now and in the future.

I thank you.