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Thank you, Mr./Madam Chair,

My delegation fully aligns itself with the statement made by the European Union and we would like to make the following brief remark in our national capacity.

Austria attaches great importance to the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. As outlined in the UN Charter, we are determined to contribute to conditions under which respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained. We are convinced that international relations should be conducted in compliance with international law. This ideal situation can only be achieved if decision-makers are adequately informed and guided. An international order based on the rule of law and international law needs proper awareness and common understanding of the international legal system.

In this regard, we highly appreciate the contribution of this programme to the promotion of international law. Be it in the form of the International Law Fellowship Programme or through regional courses in international law for Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin-America and the Caribbean, the value of this education both for individuals as well their respective states can not be underestimated. When it comes to global dissemination of international law to a wide range of recipients on an easily accessible level, the UN Audiovisual Library of International Law indeed has set a new standard. Our great appreciation for this work manifests in regular voluntary contributions of Austria to the UN Programme of Assistance over the last years.

By closing we would like to congratulate the Office of Legal Affairs and specifically the Codification Division for the apparent achievements in this area and ensure them of Austria's continued support. Thank you!