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**UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN THE TEACHING, STUDY,
DISSEMINATION AND WIDER APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**

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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, Jamaica aligns itself with the respective statements delivered on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement and the G77 and China.

My delegation thanks the Secretary General for his report on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. Jamaica also expresses its thanks to the Chair of the Advisory Committee, Ambassador Harold Adlai Agyeman, Permanent Representative of Ghana and the members of the Advisory Committee for their work and contribution to the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. We also recognize with great appreciation, the work of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, Division for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea, as well as the Codification Division, whose respective contributions to the implementation of the United Nations Programme Assistance is indispensable and cannot be underscored enough.

Mr. Chair,

Jamaica has over the years, benefitted from the participation in the Regional Course in International Law for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Fellowship in International Law. This year, Ms. Natalie James, of Jamaica's newly established Government Ministry- the Ministry of Legal and Constitutional Affairs, participated in the Regional Course from May- June in Santiago, Chile. My delegation expresses its sincere thanks to the Government of Chile and ECLAC, who despite the liquidity challenges, successfully staged the Regional Course.

Jamaica has, since the day of its independence, advocated for a multilateral system which is equitable, democratic, effective and principled. We recognize that international law helps to create and strengthen the framework through which States practice multilateralism. It establishes an equitable platform for

collective action on issues of global concern. Through international law, we engage in dialogue and build understanding. This is the heart of multilateralism. It is important for delegations such as my own to build and maintain the capacity to actively engage in international law and diplomacy. Conducting these programmes in an in person format is therefore of great value to Jamaica as this format allows for more rigorous study and fosters the development of strong professional and personal networks.

Mr Chair,

My delegation also notes with concern, the impact of the liquidity crisis on the Audiovisual Library, noting that as a result, no lectures were recorded during the reporting period. The free catalogue of training materials available to people is invaluable to their understanding of not only international law, but also global issues and the work on the UN. It is an important resource for capacity building for many countries across the globe.

We therefore express our appreciation to Member States who continue to contribute to the regular budget, as well as those who made voluntary and in-kind contributions. This continued support by Member States ensures the sustainability of the Programme and is critical in helping it to achieve its mandate.

Mr. Chair,

The importance of the Programme of Assistance cannot be emphasized enough, particularly for developing States. Its contribution to strengthening multilateralism, rule of law, international peace and security and the promotion of friendly relations among States must be preserved and supported.

Thank you.