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Mr. Chair,

1. Thailand aligns itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished representatives of **Uganda** on behalf of the **Group of 77 and China**, and of **the Philippines** on behalf of **ASEAN**.
2. Thailand would like to **thank 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**. We **commend the Office of Legal Affairs** for the effective implementation of the Programme of Assistance despite the current liquidity situation. We also welcome activities planned for the next reporting period, and call for adequate allocation of resources for the continued effective implementation of such activities.

Mr. Chair,

3. The importance of knowledge of international law, and its appreciation, to fostering friendly relations among States cannot be overstated. Knowledge of international law is key to equitable participation by States, to the upholding of the rule of law, and to the maintenance of international peace and security. It is against this background that **Thailand extends our full support to the Programme of Assistance and its activities**. In this light, allow me to highlight the following points:
4. First, we note with satisfaction the unprecedented number of applications received under the Programme of Assistance for the 2024 calendar year — 1,404 applications in total. The increase in the number of applications is a reflection of the growing demand for high-quality training in international law. The Regional Courses offer an invaluable opportunity for professionals from developing countries to learn, network, and share best practices in international law, with leading scholars and practitioners.
5. For our part, Thailand is proud to contribute as co-host of **the UN Regional Course in International Law for Asia Pacific**. We are pleased to co-host it again this year in an in-person format in Bangkok from **18 November to 11 December**. Given the significance of the Regional

Course in capacity-building and promoting the appreciation of international law, **we wish to continue this partnership with the Office of Legal Affairs for years to come.**

6. Second, Thailand supports **the use of technology and the internet** to disseminate knowledge of international law. We commend the Office of Legal Affairs for its continued improvement of the **Audiovisual Library of International Law**, including new additions to the Lecture Series and publication of **online legal resources**. These resources remain invaluable as they have the capacity to reach targeted audience far and wide. We, thus, welcome **the allocation of resources** to ensure further improvement and maintenance of the Audiovisual Library and other online legal resources.
7. Third, Thailand highly values the work of **the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance**, and wishes to congratulate its members on their election. On our part, we are privileged to maintain a seat at the meeting of the Advisory Committee as an observer. Looking forward, we stand ready to work with the current members of the Advisory Committee and other members of the Sixth Committee to further our contribution to the Programme of Assistance.

Mr. Chair,

8. I wish to conclude by reiterating our support for the Programme of Assistance and the work of the Advisory Committee. Given the importance of international law to inter-State relations, the task to disseminate knowledge of international law and promote its wider appreciation remains our shared priority. The Programme of Assistance is essential in this regard, and so is our support to ensure its effective implementation.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.

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