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Mr. Chairman,

Portugal would like to thank the UN Secretary-General for his latest report on the implementation of the *United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law*. Portugal's views on the Programme follow closely those expressed by the UN Secretary-General.

The Programme has been running for fifty two years now. It is worth recalling

the key role it has played in the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of International Law as a well-established means of strengthening international peace and security and promoting friendly relations and co-operation among States. The Programme's role is as crucial today as it was back in 1965.

Mr. Chairman,

Today, in a globalized era, the need for International Law awareness is greater than ever. Therefore, the ever-increasing demand for training and access to sources of International Law can only be seen as a good sign.

For this reason, we wish to commend the International Law Fellowship Programme in the Hague for providing comprehensive high quality training by

As regards the dissemination of International Law, we would like to commend the good work of the Office of Legal Affairs responsible for conducting

organizing the Regional Courses in International Law. We also commend the Office of Legal Affairs' efforts to identify suitable permanent locations for organizing these courses on a regular basis in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law, an initiative of the

We believe there is still work to be done within the framework of the Programme for Assistance. Bearing this in mind, we would like to recall how essential it is to make efforts to reach the ...

aspects deemed necessary, including with regard to language.

We trust that all like-minded partners, in particular the United Nations, will continuously pursue its best endeavors to implement a successful half-century Programme and ensure its deliverance to its beneficiaries. Thus will

important contribution to the maintenance of international peace and security through the dissemination of International Law.