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**Statement of Ms Jessica M. Elbaz**

**Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance**

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Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

It is a great honour to have been appointed as the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination

and Implementation of International Law at the end of 2017 and in such

capacity, to address the Committee today.

My colleague from the Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Mr. Vladimir Jares, will address you concerning the Hamilton Shirley

Arampinche Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea

increasingly complex. As a result, the need for international law training and

support of its Advisory Committee, chaired by the Permanent Representative of

I also have the pleasure to inform you that the *Recueil de droit international*,

French equivalent of the *International Law Handbook* was issued this year.

Only a limited number of lawyers can take advantage of the training programmes which I just mentioned. It is therefore important to continue to maintain and enrich the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law. The Audiovisual Library offers on-line training, that is both high quality and free of charge, to an unlimited number of people across the globe. Since its creation in 2008, the Audiovisual Library has been accessed by more than 1.7 million total users in 193 Member States.

During the reporting period, fifty (50) new lectures were added to the

Moreover, with these new lectures, the linguistic and geographic diversity

of the available content, as well as the range of topics covered, have been improved.

During the reporting period, significant efforts were also made to improve

internet connection. The lectures can now be downloaded and listened to as podcasts on a computer or mobile device.

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having put the Programme of Assistance on the regular budget, which has made many activities possible. However, in order for the Programme of Assistance to reach its full potential, voluntary contributions continue to be indispensable. In this respect, the Codification Division would like to thank China, the Czech Republic, Finland, Ireland, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Switzerland, Thailand and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for their generous contributions during the reporting period.

Before concluding, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that applications for the Regional Course for International Law in Africa, which will be held in French in 2010, will be accepted through this coming Monday, 22 October.