

Statement by Finland on behalf of the Nordic Countries

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M(r/s) Chair-

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Nordic countries Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and my own country Finland on the Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law.

The Nordic Countries would like to thank the Secretary General for his newest report (A/74/496) which covers the activities in the implementation of the Programme in 2019 as well as the activities planned for 2020 and the related administrative and financial implications.

The Nordic Countries are strong supporters of an international order based on the rule of law. We believe that an effective rules-based international order depends largely on the professionalism and commitment of people acting on behalf of the States. Through the Programme of Assistance generations of government lawyers, judges and diplomats from all around the globe have been able to gain a deeper understanding of the body of law that governs our interconnected world. This has been to the benefit of the international community as a whole.

M(r/s) Chair-

Since its founding in 1965, the Programme of Assistance has made considerable contributions to the international

The Nordic Countries are pleased to learn about resources for the Programme of Assistance proposed in the regular budget for 2020. This will enable the continued work of the Programme of Assistance and the International Law Fellowship Programme, the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin

America and the Caribbean and the further development and dissemination of education and training in international law.

We note the invitation to the Member States to make voluntary contributions towards the financing of the