

Madam Chair,

Portugal aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union and wishes to add the following remarks in its national capacity.

We thank the Secretary-General for his report on the implementation of the Programme in 2021, together with the recommendations for 2022.

The Programme is an active and celebrated contributor for a better knowledge of International Law as a means for strengthening international peace and security and promoting friendly relations and co-operation among States.

Despite this wide recognition of the Programme, we note that the general public does not seem to be sufficiently aware of it. We thus encourage Member States to promote the Programme at home, across academic institutions, public administration and other organizations – so that students, young scholars, and young professionals are aware of the Programme, as well as of opportunities to engage in its initiatives and benefit from it.

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Portugal renews its call for the Audiovisual Library to also expand its inclusivity by having contents in languages that, albeit not official languages of the UN, have



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