

Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

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At the same time, in the digital era, online training materials are also a fundamental tool, as they have the capacity to provide free access to high-quality training to an unlimited number of individuals and institutions around the world. In this respect, we regret that the liquidity situation halted the recording of new lectures during the reporting period, but we welcome that the programme budget for 2025 provides for two full-time positions dedicated to the further development, dissemination and maintenance of the Audiovisual Library.

It is essential to meet the growing demand for online training and further promote awareness about their availability, particularly among institutions, scholars, and students, through various channels, including social media, as well as by providing translation into other languages of the materials and courses. It is also important to keep up with the technological developments and the evolution in the fruition of online materials, for example by further developing and promoting podcasts.

Finally, we welcome that the activities of the Programme continue to be financed from the regular budget, but we commend all those who have provided voluntary contributions. In light of the deteriorating liquidity situation, voluntary contributions are indeed important to continue to complement and strengthen the

Mr./Madam Chair,

In closing, the European Union and its Member States reiterate their continued support to all the activities of the Programme of Assistance, and their role in promoting and strengthening multilateralism.

Thank you.