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Chair,

The United Kingdom thanks the Secretary-General for his report on the implementation of the Programme of Assistance and on the activities planned for the coming year.

We commend the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs for its efforts in conducting Programme activities during the last year.

The Programme of Assistance continues to play an important role in the delivery of international law training and dissemination of legal knowledge globally, facilitating the effective participation of States in multilateral frameworks and fora. In so doing, the Programme makes an effective contribution to the rule of law, to the promotion of friendly relations, and to the strengthening of international peace and security.

The United Kingdom is proud to champion Sustainable Development Goal 16 and works in partnership with countries across the world to strengthen the rule of law and promote accountability for all,

legal sector and international counterparts to share experiences and learn from each other.

The United Kingdom is committed to upholding and promoting the rule of law and putting it at the heart of our work and will continue to build on the United Kingdom's longstanding reputation as a global centre for legal thought, education, and practice, as demonstrated by the recent third London Conference on International Law.

Accordingly, the United Kingdom is pleased to have made voluntary contributions this year to the Programme of Assistance: supporting, in particular, the International Law Seminar, the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea,