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Mr/Madame 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 UN Office of Legal Affairs for its efforts in conducting Programme activities during the last year, and in particular for exploring innovative ideas for delivering the Programme during the challenges posed by COVID-19.

The Programme of Assistance addresses a need for international law training and dissemination of legal knowledge and, by doing so, the Programme makes an effective contribution to the rule of law globally.

The United Kingdom is pleased to continue our voluntary contributions to the Programme, in particular to the Audiovisual Library of International Law, to the International Law Handbook, and to the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea.

We look forward to continuing our support of the Programme of Assistance through voluntary contributions in 2020 and we encourage other States to continue their support.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.