



Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

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Mr Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

The Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro*, Iceland⁺ and Serbia*, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova Armenia and Georgia, align themselves with this statement.

Furthermore, we note with appreciation the achievements of the Codification Division with respect to its publishing programme, in particular the desktop publishing initiative, which has greatly enhanced the timely issuance of its legal publications. We also welcome the efforts of the Codification Division to achieve greater cost-efficiencies with respect to the International Law Fellowship Programme, and we note the contributions of the ICJ Registry, the Hague Academy of International Law, and the Carnegie Foundation in this regard.

We note that the Division organised a Regional Course for Asia-Pacific in Bangkok at the end of 2012 and one for Africa in Addis Ababa in April 2013.

We would also like to acknowledge the contribution of the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea, to the wider appreciation and application of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the sea, and the work of DOALOS in this regard. We also note that two countries have made contributions for the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship since the previous report.

The need for international law training and dissemination of legal resources is a constant one. As is clear from the above, we are of the view that the Programme of Assistance is an important activity of the United Nations in this area for the benefit of all States, whether developing or developed. We will give full consideration to how to ensure that the Programme of Assistance has adequate resources, within overall existing resources and through voluntary contributions, to continue to meet the needs of the international community in the years to come.

We commend those States which have made voluntary contributions to the Programme of Assistance to date, and encourage others to consider such contributions in future.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.