

Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

By

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on

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Mr. Chairman,

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

The Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia , the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia align themselves with this statement.

We are one year from a half century celebration of the UN Programme of Assistance in Teaching, Study, Dissemination, and Wider Application of International Law established with the goal of contributing towards a better knowledge of international law as a means of strengthening international peace and security and promoting friendly relations and co-operation among States. There is also a consensus among the UN Member States that the Programme effectively contributes to the Rule of Law.

resuming its desktop publishing for one or more of its publications in 2015. We also note the contributions of the ICJ Registry, the Hague Academy of International Law, and the Carnegie Foundation to the International law Fellowship Programme.

We also note that the Codification Division organised a Regional Course for Africa in Addis Ababa from 7 April to 2 May 2014.

We would also like to acknowledge the contribution of the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe