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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The United States thanks the Secretary-General for his report on the United Nations Program of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law.

The United States is pleased to participate on the Advisory Committee on this United Nations Program of Assistance which, as we recall, grappled as never before with funding issues facing the Program in its annual meeting last year. We remain deeply appreciative to Ambassador Kanda for his stewardship of the Advisory Committee in that regard. We also warmly welcome Ambassador Pobee as the new Chair of the Committee, and very much appreciate her efforts to date in that capacity.

The Program of Assistance, which was established in 1965, continues to make a great contribution to educating students and practitioners throughout the world in international law, and has clearly earned continuing, strong support.

Particularly in the context of a heightened focus on the rule of law, it is clear that knowledge of international law is a key component to furthering the rule of law at the national and international levels. Through a firm understanding of international law, new generations of lawyers, judges and diplomats gain a deeper understanding of the complex instruments that govern so many aspects of this interconnected world. Thus, the program of assistance is one of