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TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

1. I have the honor to address this Committee today on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), namely Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, the Thailand, and Viet Nam.

Mr. Chairman,

2. ASEAN would like to thank the Secretary General for his comprehensive report on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. We note with appreciation the Secretary-General's unrelenting efforts to increase international law training within the framework of the Programme of Assistance.
3. ASEAN fully supports the UN Programme of Assistance, which serves an important purpose of promoting wider appreciation for international law among Member States. In turn, this helps strengthen international peace and security, promote friendly relations and cooperation among states, while enhancing respect for the rule of law at the national and international levels.
4. As such, effective implementation of the UN Programme of Assistance

We also support the Hamilton Shirley Amersinghe Memorial Fellowship which promotes greater appreciation for the Law of the Sea, enabling peaceful settlement of disputes.

7. The Fellowship Programme serves an important purpose, enhancing capacities at the national, regional and international levels as it provides high-quality training by eminent international law scholars and legal practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law. Moreover, the Programme fosters friendly relations among nations as participants form close friendships and develop professional networks into the future, thus promoting greater understanding and cooperation among international partners.
8. Regional courses in international law also represent an important component of the UN Programme of Assistance. ASEAN remains hopeful that after a number of cancellations in previous years, due to insufficient funding, all regional courses will take place and continue into the future. In this regard, we look forward to the upcoming Regional Course for the Asia-Pacific to be held in Bangkok from 20 November to 15 December this year. The Sixth Committee along with the General Assembly should ensure the continuity of the Asia-Pacific course as well as the regional courses for Africa, Latin America & the Caribbean.
9. ASEAN welcomes the application of advanced technology in disseminating international law-related information to the general public, and particularly scholars, researchers, and practitioners from developing and developed countries alike. The Audiovisual Library plays an important role in this regard. It is one of the most cost-effective and widely accessible tools of knowledge, and we hope that it will be expanded into the future.
10. As provision of financial resources for the efficient operation of the Programme of Assistance has faced some difficulties in the past, ASEAN fully support17 TmW*ni-3(rl.[fu)-5(II)4(