

Mr. Chair,

4. My delegation again commends the efforts of the Codification Division in exploring innovative means to continue pursuing the objectives of the Programme despite the challenges posed by the pandemic. My delegation is pleased to note that preparations are currently underway for the next regional courses to be held in person, and the selected participants could once again enjoy the irreplaceable in-depth exchanges and long-lasting bonds created with in-person training. Malaysia has greatly benefited from the regional courses held and will continue to support them by promoting the course and nominating participants for its future editions.

5. We are further heartened to note that the alumni network of participants continues to benefit under the Programme of Assistance through various online interactive sessions. We are hopeful that the participant selected for the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea would be able to commence her fellowship in 2023.

6. My delegation also commends the continued efforts by the Division to populate the Audiovisual Library with enriching lectures on core topics of international law, without neglecting the need to fully appreciate the linguistic diversity among the UN official languages. We are pleased to note that the Audiovisual Library has attracted millions of users across the globe, and significant efforts have been made by the Division to facilitate access to the lectures for users, especially those with limited high-speed Internet through the Library podcast.

7. Malaysia continues to support the use of the UN regular budget, and when necessary, voluntary contributions, to finance the activities planned under the Programme of Assistance. We recognize and thank the generous contributions made by fellow Member States to the Programme, both monetary and in-kind, as well as the institutions that have also lent their support by providing training venues, library access and research support, as well as other operational support.

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8. Malaysia wishes to thank the Division for the proposals and outline of the programmes planned for 2023. We note, among others, the proposal to