



STATEMENT

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on

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Mr. Chairman,

Trinidad and Tobago aligns itself with the statements delivered by Thailand on behalf of the Group

However, we remain concerned that since 2014, the Codification Division had to discontinue its desktop publishing as a result of insufficient resources following the abolition of a General Service post that year. We are pleased to note that for the current year, desktop publishing is being funded on an exceptional basis through voluntary contributions for the preparation of the handbook on international law.

We also wish to recall paragraph 3 (a) of resolution 70/116, which authorised the Secretary General to award a minimum of one (1) scholarship in 2016 and one (1) in 2017 under the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea from the provisions of the regular budget and, when necessary, from voluntary contributions. In this regard, we regret to note, that owing to a lack of voluntary contributions, no award was made this year and should sufficient voluntary contributions not be received by November this year, there will also be no award for 2017.

To this end, Trinidad and Tobago expresses its gratitude to those Member States which have generously contributed to the activities under the Programme of Assistance. Further, pursuant to the current report of the Secretary General, we reiterate our call on Member States and interested institutions, organisations and individuals, which are in a position to do so, to make voluntary