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Mr. Chairman,

Brazil aligns itself with the statements delivered both by Ecuador on behalf of the G77 and China and by El Salvador on behalf of CELAC. I take this opportunity to thank the Secretary-General for his report and deliver some remarks from a national perspective.

The preamble of the Charter of the United Nations states that one of the priorities of this Organization

points to a notion whose relevance can not be overstated: that peace can be achieved through law. The aspiration to implement this ideal is

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The Audiovisual Library is another crucial instrument of the Programme of Assistance, since it allows the United Nations to provide, at a relatively low cost, high quality training to an unlimited number of individuals around the world. Considering that the AVL continues to be accessed primarily by users in developed countries, Brazil welcomes the efforts of the Secretariat to consider options to enhance its access in regions where there is limited access to high-speed internet through making the materials available in DVDs and USB flash drives. Advancing the multilinguism of the AVL is equally important in this regard. We were pleased to learn that off-site recordings are being undertaken, so as to ensure a broader geographical and linguistic representation of lecturers.

Regarding legal publications, Brazil wishes to reiterate that hard copies are still of value to those who do not have affordable access to internet. The UN should count with adequate resources to resume desktop publishing, avoiding the increasing backlog in the issuance of these publications.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman,

The debate on the rule of law has been gaining prominence in the UN