

Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

The Candidate Countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, align themselves with this statement.

The EU and its Member States renew their support to the Ambassador of Ghana as the Chair of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider appreciation of International Law, and express their gratitude to Ghana for its longstanding and active leadership of the Committee.

We reiterate our strong support for the Programme of Assistance and we commend its effective contribution to the Rule of Law, in particular by addressing the need for International Law training and dissemination of legal knowledge and material. Through these activities, the Programme benefits all countries.

We welcome the Report of the Secretary General A/73/415, which covers both the implementation of the Programme in 2018 and the activities planned for 2019. We commend the Office of Legal Affairs, and in particular the Codification Division, for the implementation of the Programme of Assistance.

Mr Chairman,

Concerning the International Law Fellowship Programme, which provides comprehensive training by highly qualified international law scholars, the EU and its member States consider that the various seminars organised by the Codification Division are cru. ()n(the)-(the)-33. naa **H**U and its