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the Programme of Assistance. We commend Ghana for its dedicated leadership of the Programme and the whole Advisory Committee for its work.

The Nordic countries commend the continuous development of the Audiovisual Library of International Law since 2008. This invaluable resource continues to bring high quality training to an unlimited number of individuals and institutions around the globe, free of charge. The Nordic Countries welcome the efforts of the Codification Division to continue the development of material produced and provided by the Audiovisual Library in order to better service persons and organisations in areas with limited internet connection.

We note with appreciation the additional measures undertaken by the Audiovisual Library in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Library's resources have been of particular relevance during the covid-19 pandemic, which necessitated a quick transformation of the traditional methods of learning into online education.

The Nordic countries salute the Member States that have made voluntary contributions to the Programme and encourage all States to consider making such contributions in the future, to sustain continued operations and development of the Programme.

We would like express our continued support to the Programme of Assistance.

Thank you, M(r/s). Chair-