## Statement by Finland on behalf of the Nordic countries

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Wider Appreciation of International Law

## Madam Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Nordic countries Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and my own country Finland on the Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law.

The Nordic Countries would like to thank the Secretary General for his newest report (A/76/404), which covers the activities in the implementation of the Programme in 2021, as well as the activities planned for 2022 and the related administrative and financial implications.

The Nordic Countries are strong supporters of an international order based on the rule of law. Rules-based multilateral co-operation is indispensable for tackling global problems such as global warming, biodiversity loss, conflicts and poverty. The Covid-19 pandemic has underlined this point.

We believe that the rules-based international order depends largely on the professionalism and commitment of people acting on behalf of the States. Through the Programme of Assistance generations of government lawyers, judges and dip

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 Covid-19. The Library 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 of the Programme.

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

Thank you, Madam Chair