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In your capacity as Chairman of the International Law Commission, I have the great pleasure of communicating to you, for transmission to the Commission, the text of a resolution which was adopted unanimously by the United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties at its thirty-sixth plenary meeting on 22 May 1969. The resolution, which is entitled "Tribute to the International Law Commission", reads as follows:

The United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties,

Having adopted the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties on the basis of the draft articles prepared by the International Law Commission,

Resolves to express its deep gratitude to the International Law Commission for its outstanding contribution to the codification and progressive development of the law of treaties.

The resolution is annexed to the Final Act of the Conference,¹ and therefore forms part of one of its most significant records.

I would also like to take this occasion to extend personally to the Commission my own congratulations on its monumental undertaking which has now found practical and enduring expression with the adoption of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties. History will surely prove this Convention to be one of the most significant ever adopted in the course of the progressive development and codification of international law. I cannot neglect, in this connexion, to make special mention of the work of the four Special Rapporteurs on the Law of Treaties, who worked so tirelessly and with such great scholarship to make this ambitious project a reality.

(Signed) U THANT

¹ *Official Records of the United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties, Documents of the Conference, document A/CONF.39/26.*