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Mr. Chairman,

Encouraging the development of international law as a way to regulate international relations has been a major objective of the United Nations since its very beginning.

Accordingly, it is essential to expand the teaching, study and dissemination of international law for its wider application. In this regard, we would like to express our appreciation for the efforts made by the United Nations to strengthen, expand and enhance training and dissemination of international law since the General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX) of 20 December 1965.

Since 1967, the contribution of regional courses of international law organized by the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs is valuable for developing countries, and countries with emerging economies, to deepen their knowledge of international law and the globalized world.

Mr. Chairman,

Ethiopia believes that the best way to ensure peace and stability and avoid discord among nations is to strengthen respect for principles of international law. As a member of an advisory committee and a host, Ethiopia reiterates its commitment to support the efforts of the United Nations in this regard.

Ethiopia was pleased to host the 9th and 10th United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for the African Region which were held from 7 to 25 February 2011 and from 6th February to 2 March 2012 respectively, and have also renewed the host agreement for the 2013 regional course. This also shows Ethiopia's firm stand for the propagation of knowledge for the common understanding of rule of law and international law.

Mr. Chairman,

Ethiopia believes that these regional courses would enable government officials and young professionals of international law to deepen their knowledge and contribute to sharing experiences and exchange ideas, which promotes greater understanding and cooperation on legal matters in the region. Let me reiterate, there is no better way of consolidating peace than disseminating knowledge and application of international law.

Finally we would like to re-confirm our commitment to strengthening the effectiveness of the African Regional courses in international law on a regular basis.

Thank You