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# **STATEMENT**

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ON

**AGENDA ITEM 78: “REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE  
PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE FOR THE TEACHING, STUDY,  
DISSEMINATION AND WIDER APPRECIATION  
OF INTERNATIONAL LAW”**

AT THE

**SIXTH COMMITTEE OF THE 67<sup>TH</sup> SESSION  
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**Mr. Chairman,**

Allow me first of all to congratulate you and the Bureau and also to commend you for the good work that you have done so far. I also thank the Secretary-General for his report and the Codification Division for all their hard work, passion and enthusiasm that they commit to the Programme of Assistance.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of Egypt on behalf of the Africa Group.

**Mr. Chairman,**

This agenda item has always been very special to my delegation, not only because it was pioneered in 1965 by a compatriot in the person of Ambassador Ken Dadzie of blessed memory, but also because of its great importance in the promotion of the primary pillars of the Charter, namely; Peace and Security, Development, Human Rights and the Rule of Law. We would therefore like to see it continue as a Programme for many years to come.

The Programme of Assistance continues to be plagued with difficulties, especially that of limited resources. We are very much aware of the very creative ways in which the Codification Division has been able to keep the Programme going in spite of these difficulties, and we commend them for that.

But perhaps, the time has come for us to make adequate funding for the Programme under the regular budget, a priority, lest they run out of creativity and the Programme grind to a halt!

**Mr. Chairman,**

At the last Bureau meeting, there was complete agreement that the best solution to this perennial problem, whilst voluntary contributions were still welcome, was to seek regular budgetary provision for the activities of the Programme of assistance.

It is our hope that when the issue comes up at the appropriate forum, we will ensure the support necessary to make it a reality. We are counting on that.

I thank you.