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Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of  
International Law

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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation would like to thank you for giving us the floor in order to make some comments on the agenda item 80: United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law.

The delegation of Eritrea welcomes and expresses its appreciation to the Report of the Secretary General on the United Nations Programme of Assistance.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of Egypt on behalf of the African Group and the distinguished representative of Fiji on behalf of the G77 and China on this agenda item.

Mr. Chairman,

Eritrea attaches great importance to the promotion of the main pillars of the Charter, namely; Peace and Security, Development, Human Rights and the Rule of Law. Respect and understanding of International Law are important and essential for the peaceful coexistence of nations and cannot be achieved through political means alone, unless supported by strong institutions.

Mr. Chairman,

International law is becoming more and more complex, which requires more qualified professionals in different specific fields, in particular within government and higher institutions.

Eritrea recognizes the significant role of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the promotion and advancement of International law as provided for by the UN Charter through its teaching and dissemination, particularly for qualified professionals including mid-level government officials, lawyers and students in developing countries. Furthermore, the dissemination of legal publications and information through the Internet, as well as other electronic media under the United Nations Programme of Assistance allows a larger audience including students and youth to acquire a deeper expertise in international law and to be more active in the field of international law.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation greatly appreciates the United Nations Audiovisual Library, which constitutes an essential and very useful tool for promoting a greater understanding of the crucial role and challenges of the United Nations in the field of international law and thus respond to the increasing demand for international law training which could not be met by traditional training courses. Nevertheless, my delegation hopes that the important regional courses under the Program of Assistance will continue to take place on a regular basis, and other developing countries will have the opportunity to host similar regional courses.

Mr. Chairman,

Finally, Eritrea wishes to add its voice for the establishment of a sustainable financial mechanism to the United Nations Programme for the benefit of all countries that will contribute to building and maintaining a culture of peace among States through the promotion of the Rule of law.

Thank you.