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WIDER APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**

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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation welcomes the Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. We express our deep appreciation for the efforts to the Office of Legal Affairs in particular the Codification Division for the activities under taken during the reported period.

Mr. Chairman,

The Programme of Assistance continues to make remarkable contribution to educating scholars and professionals throughout the world in international law. Awareness in international law is greater than ever before and consequently the demand for training and access to materials of International Law is ever-increasing. It is in this regard the programme continues to remain relevant and important.

Promotion of the rule of law at the national and international level is at the centre of the United Nations mission, the teaching, study and dissemination of international law represent an essential tool for accomplishing that mission.

We are pleased to note with appreciation that a regional seminar on international law was organized in Addis Ababa, in April 2013 for lawyers from countries in Africa. Our appreciation goes to the African Union and for the States that have voluntarily contributed towards this important task that has enabled the implementation of the Programme of Assistance in our region. It is encouraging to see that the African Union has taken a practical step in supporting the Programme. We welcome the offer of the Government of Ethiopia to further host regional courses on international law including the one proposed in Addis Ababa in 2014. Last year, the African Union established the African Institute of International Law, hosted by Tanzania, the institute is mandated to advance the teaching and development of international law in Africa, its partnership with the Codification Division would contribute greatly enormously.

Dissemination of information through electronic means is extremely useful and convenient in our world today. The expansion of the Audio Visual Library is significant we are pleased to note that this means is being utilized by both developed and developing countries as indicated in the statistics.

Mr. Chairman,

We have great appreciation for States who have voluntarily contributed to the Programme of Assistance and attach great value to even a small contribution towards this important task. The Secretary-General's report has indicated about the resource constraints in pursuing the activities concerning the Programme of Assistance in the biennium 2014-2015. In that regard, we support the idea of exploring the possibilities of meeting the financial requirements of these activities from the regular budget, to ensure the continuation thereof. In our view, it serves the interest of the international community as a whole to encourage the continuation and further strengthening of international law programmes and training courses around the world. The Programme should also be seen as part of the rule of law project.

The activities of the Programme, as summarized in the Secretary-General's report, deserve the support of Member States. We endorse the recommendations regarding the continuation of the Programme in the biennium 2014-2015 and we urge its full financial support through the UN regular budget.

Mr. Chairman,

As a member of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Tanzania urges Member States to support the activities of the Programme in enhancing the quality and effectiveness of this programme in a sustained manner. Undeniably, the teaching, study, dissemination and promotion of appreciation of international law will continue to be important in strengthening the rule of law and its greater outreach deserves our support.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.