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Mr. Chairman,

Allow me, at the outset, to express our appreciation to the UN Secretary General for the comprehensive report presented to our consideration under this agenda item.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chair and the Members of the Advisory Committee of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law for their valuable work and guidance in the preparation of this report.

My delegation also wishes to commend the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs for their tireless efforts to ensure a wide participation in the activities of the Programme of Assistance, despite of the well-known budget and logistical difficulties and constraints.

Algeria aligns itself with the Statements made by the distinguished representatives of the Plurinational State of Bolivia on behalf the Group of 77 and China and South Africa on behalf of the African Group.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation shares the overwhelming opinion about the relevance and the effectiveness of the United Nations Programme of Assistance as an important tool for strengthening international peace and security and promoting culture of peace and the friendly relations and cooperation among States.

Over a half century of existence, the Programme of Assistance has contributed steadily to a greater knowledge of the international law. Jurists, academics, diplomats, students and many other categories from developing countries have benefited from the regional courses of international law, fellowships, and publications. The Audiovisual Library of International Law served over a million people, both in developing and developed countries.

However, these achievements remain constantly shadowed and threatened by the challenge of the lack of sufficient and adequate funding. In fact, the United Nations Programme of assistance is still subject to uncertainty and remains unable to secure delivering and implementing its activities due to the recurrent problems of finance caused mainly by the inconsistency, insufficiency and irregularity of voluntary contributions.

In this regard, my delegation would like to express its concern over the repetitive cancelations of many Regional Courses over the past years and even this year. We are moreover concerned by the constant threats to the continuity of International Law Fellowship Programme, to the viability of the Audiovisual Library (AVL) of International Law and to the existence of the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea.

Mr. Chairman,

We have the confirmation that voluntary contributions are not an adequate or a reliable method for funding the activities and the components of the Programme of Assistance, as it is specified in the report of the Secretary-General and in the last resolution of the General Assembly related to this item.

In this connection and in line with the provisions of the 2014 Ministerial Declaration of the Group of 77 and China, particularly its paragraph 83, my delegation is of the view that all the components of the Programme of Assistance, including the regional courses in international law for Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean have to be financed through the regular budget of the United Nations, starting from the biennium 2014-2015.

In conclusion, *Mr. Chairman*, my delegation would like to recall that the quest for adequate and reliable method of funding for the Programme of Assistance relies on the compliance and the implementation of the main provision of last year General Assembly Resolution 68/110 that request the UN Secretary General “ to provide to the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015 the resources necessary for the Programme of Assistance to ensure the continued effectiveness and further development of the Programme ”.

I thank you.