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PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN THE TEACHING,
STUDY, DISSEMINATION AND WIDER APPRECIATION OF
INTERNATIONAL LAW**

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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation aligns itself with the Statements made by South Africa on behalf of the African Group, as well as that by Bolivia on behalf of G77 and China. We welcome the Report of the Secretary-General, on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, concerning the implementation of the Programme of Assistance in 2014 and the activities planned for 2015. We commend the Office of Legal Affairs and in particular the Codification Division for the efforts under taken during the reported period in response to the increasing demand for international law training and research materials in developing countries as well as developed countries.

Mr. Chairman,

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

My delegation values the continued effort of the Secretary-General to promote activities related to international law training and dissemination within the framework of the United Nations Programme of Assistance. The achievements of this Programme are significant for all countries in the world in terms of national capacity building in international law.

Tanzania supports the programme of assistance as a key tool within the framework of the Rule of Law activities of the United Nations. The programme of assistance has made an important contribution to the advancement of rule of law by providing international law training and has given opportunities to lawyers and judges especially in countries that lacked resources to develop their skills. In this regard, we express our appreciation to member states, international institutions and all those who have supported the activities of the programme.

Mr. Chairman,

Tanzania appreciates the international law training opportunities provided under the Programme of Assistance. We are pleased to note that a regional seminar on international law for lawyers from countries in Africa was organized in Addis Ababa, from April to May 2014. Our gratitude goes to the African Union and other States that contributed towards this important task that enabled the implementation of the Programme of Assistance in our region.

My delegation however notes once again the continuing financial difficulties that prevented the implementation of some of the activities in 2014, including the Regional Courses in International Law for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean as well as desktop publishing for the legal publications. It has been stated and proven over the years that voluntary contributions solely have not been sustainable method for funding the activities under the Programme of Assistance and consequently, there is a need to provide more reliable funding for all the activities of this programme. It is evident that, lack of adequate and reliable funding is threatening the future of the Programme of

Assistance. It is important that we work together in a more transparent manner to ensure that there is adequate funding for the successful execution of all the activities of the programme that will guarantee the sustainability of the Programme of Assistance.

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

Mr. Chairman,

In 2012, the African Union established the African Institute of International Law, hosted in Tanzania, the institute is an independent educational and research institution dedicated to the teaching, dissemination and advanced research in international law of relevance to Africa. The Government of the URT has generously provided premises, at no cost, to facilitate its activities. We are pleased to announce the convening of a training workshop that has been organized by the Institute, on "bilateral Investment treaties and Arbitration", that will be held in Arusha, Tanzania from 16 to 20 February 2015.

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 by ensuring that regular budgetary funding is provided for the Programme of Assistance.

I thank you Mr. Chairman