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Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law**

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Mr. Chairman,

The Chinese delegation aligns itself with the statement made by Thailand on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, thanks the Secretary General for his report on the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law, and commends the Office of Legal Affairs and other organs concerned for their efforts in carrying out the Programme of Assistance.

Since its inception, the Programme of Assistance has been playing an important and positive role in advancing the teaching, study and application of international law in all countries, particularly in developing countries, and has been helping these countries enhance their capacity building in the field of international law. China is pleased to see that the funding for the 2016-2017 UN regional courses and scholarship programs in international law has been secured. In April this year, the regional course in international law for Latin America and the Caribbean was organized in Uruguay for the first time after a decade long hiatus. Africa's regional course was successfully held in Ethiopia earlier this year, and Asia's regional course will take place in Thailand next month. China is also pleased to learn that the Codification Division of the OLA is prepared to publish a Handbook on International Law in English and French next year, and hopes that other official language versions will be made available as early as possible.

Mr. Chairman,

China has always placed great emphasis on the teaching and study of international law, and has taken concrete actions to actively support the Programme of Assistance. In recent years, the Chinese government has provided the Programme of Assistance with annual donations to fund

regional courses in international law and audio-visual libraries in Asia and Africa. In addition, China has provided direct help to the Asian and African countries concerned in capacity building in international law through cooperative projects, financial support and other means. This year, the second training program entitled “China-AALCO (Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization) Exchange and Research Program in International Law” was successfully conducted in Beijing. China also provided support to the African Institute of International Law in holding a symposium on international law among African universities. China stands ready to strengthen its cooperation with the Programme of Assistance and contribute to disseminating international law and helping developing countries build capacity in international law.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.