



STATEMENT

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ON

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

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Mr. Chairman,

We are pleased with the report of the Secretary-General tabled for consideration on this agenda item.

2. Nigeria acknowledges the importance of the Programme of Assistance as one of the tools that assist in providing understanding of the complex issues in the world. We are of the view that the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law would contribute to greater understanding of the subject. In this connection, we welcome the resources proposed in the regular budget for the biennium 2018-2019. We hope this would be adequate to enable the Programme achieve its purpose and objectives.

3. We are also pleased that as a result of the funding provided to the Programme in the 2016-2017 budget, the Codification Division had been able to organize Regional Courses in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Asia-Pacific.

Mr. Chairman,

4. Nigeria welcomes the Regional Course in International Law for Africa held in Addis Ababa from 6 February to 3 March 2017. Certainly, the topics for the Seminar for the

Regional Course helped the participants in deepening their understanding of the system of international law and its functioning in global politics.

Mr. Chairman,

5. Nigeria commends the efforts of the UN for the implementation of the Programme of Assistance as students and international lawyers continue to benefit from it. We also commend the work of the Office of Legal Affairs and particularly the Codification Division for its efforts in the promotion of international law through the Programme of Assistance.

6. In addition, we note the inability of the Division to produce any of its legal publications since it discontinued desktop publishing in 2014. We hope the Division will be provided with the necessary resources to enable it resume publication of these important documents. We are however pleased that in 2017, the Division undertook a pilot project aimed at resuming its desktop publishing activities.

Mr. Chairman,

7. My delegation appreciates the publication of some judicial materials by the Division. Nevertheless, we wish to

emphasize that the Division be well funded to continue to publish important law materials.

8. I thank you