

Statement by Mr. Solomon Korbieh (Ghana), Coordinator of the draft resolution on the “United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law” (under agenda item 81)

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/73/L.25 on behalf of the Bureau

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Mr. Chair,

Today I have the honour to introduce, on behalf of the Bureau, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/73/L.25, entitled “United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law.”

This draft resolution is based on General Assembly resolution 72/115 adopted in 2017 and includes necessary technical updates, other factual updates and a new operative paragraph on which consensus was achieved during the informal consultations. My remarks this morning will highlight the main elements of the resolution, and notable factual updates, including the new paragraph.

As was the case last year, operative paragraphs in the resolution, in this case **operative paragraphs 2, 5 through 7 and 17** would provide the mandate in 2019 for the organization of, and the award of fellowships for, the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law and the International Law Fellowship Programme; for the further development of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law; for the publication and dissemination of legal texts as well as for the websites maintained by the Office of Legal Affairs; and, subject to the availability of funds from voluntary contributions, for the award of the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea.

Mr. Chair,

Pursuant to **operative paragraph 8**, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to continue to include resources for such activities in the proposed programme budget for

2020 and pursuant to **operative paragraph 3**, would authorize the Secretary-General to further expand such activities using voluntary contributions.

Pursuant to **operative paragraph 26**, the General Assembly would reiterate its request to Member States and interested organizations to make voluntary contributions for the Audiovisual Library and the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law.

In addition, a new operative paragraph would be added this year as **operative paragraph 10** whereby the General Assembly would encourage the Secretary-General to support the establishment of alumni networks of participants of the training programmes organized under the Programme of Assistance.

Pursuant to the addition to **operative paragraph 11**, the General Assembly would note with appreciation the efforts of the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs to enhance the accessibility of the Audiovisual Library by making all lectures in the Lecture Series available as podcasts.

With respect to the issuance of United Nations legal publications, in **operative paragraph 14** the General Assembly would note with satisfaction the issuance by the Codification Division of *volume XXXI of Reports of International Arbitral Awards* and in **operative paragraph 16**, the General Assembly would express its appreciation for the issuance during the reporting period of the *Recueil de droit international: Collection d'instruments*, the French language equivalent of the *International Law Handbook* that was issued last year.

Finally, **operative paragraph 24** would be slightly updated from the text of last year's resolution to reflect that the Hague Academy of International Law has added a new winter course.

Mr. Chair,

This concludes my introduction of draft resolution **A/C.6/73/L.25** and I recommend that the Sixth Committee adopt it without a vote.

It has been a distinct pleasure to coordinate this draft resolution given the general support expressed for the activities under the Programme of Assistance both in the plenary debate as well as at the informal consultations.

Monsieur le président

Enfin, je voudrais remercier le Secrétariat pour son soutien considérable tout au long de la session, en particulier pendant la session informelle. Je ne me permettrais pas de conclure sans remercier mes collègues de leur soutien constructif au cours de la session. Je tiens également à remercier notre président pour la compétence avec laquelle il a géré cette session. Je vous remercie tous.