



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE
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THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN THE TEACHING,
STUDY, DISSEMINATION AND WIDER APPRECIATION OF
INTERNATIONAL LAW

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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

My delegation welcomes the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, contained in document A/73/415. The report underlines the implementation of the Programme of Assistance during 2018, guidelines and recommendations regarding the implementation of the Programme of Assistance in 2019 and administrative and financial implications of the Programme of Assistance for 2018 and 2019.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation believes that this programme is one of the cornerstone of the efforts of the United Nations to promote international law with an aim to promote international peace and security, promote friendly relations and cooperation among States and finally contribute to the promotion of the rule of law at the national and international levels. As such, my delegation fully supports the implementation of this programme, which is intended to support all members States to gain better knowledge and understanding of the substantive norms of international law.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation reiterates that the United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific that provides an important mechanism for expanding the international law training opportunities available to participants from developing countries. This course provides training by highly qualified international law scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core topics of international law. The course also provides participants with an opportunity to focus on contemporary issues of international law of common interest to the region, with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues.

My delegation acknowledges that this regional course is also benefited by our country. In this regard, my delegation would like to extend a great appreciation to the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, which is responsible for the implementation of the Programme of Assistance, for the hard efforts and dedication to make the programme happens.

My delegation would also like to suggest the programme should be disseminated officially to member States in order to be effectively accessible, in particular for the member States such as SIDS and LDCs which have limited accesses to the online information.

Mr. Chairman

To conclude, my delegation emphasizes that the international law is a fundamental basis to promote the rule of law of at the national and international levels which is at the end for achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDGs. As such, this programme should be continuously developed in an effective and a countable manner.

I thank you for your attention.