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On Agenda Item 78

**United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study,
Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law**

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Madam Chair,

China wishes to thank the Secretary-General for his report submitted under the item “United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law”. Since it entered into operation in 1965, the Programme of Assistance has provided important impetus for the teaching, study and application of international law and has played an irreplaceable role in promoting the capacity building of countries, especially developing countries, in the field of international law. The Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs has carried out fruitful work in implementing the Programme. China wishes to register its appreciation.

Madam Chair,

In the past year, steady progress has been made in the implementation of the Programme. The International Law Fellowship Programme and the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law have provided training opportunities for professionals from developing countries and countries with emerging economies. Due regard has been given to gender and geographical balance in the selection of participants. Many prominent scholars and practitioners in international law have been invited to teach in these courses, contributing to the overall success of these endeavors.

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law has witnessed a continued expansion in its education and research resource of all types and its historic archives with optimized search function, playing an important role in promoting the dissemination, teaching, study and exchanges in international law.

The Codification Division, subject to available resources, has continued its desktop publishing activities with progress made in the publication of the United Nations Juridical Yearbook, Reports of International Arbitral Awards and the Summaries of Judgments, Advisory

Opinions and Orders of the International Court of Justice, etc. Online update has been carried out in a timely manner. China wishes to express its overall satisfaction.

Madam Chair,

China has always attached great importance to the teaching and study in international law, actively supported the Programme with concrete action and benefited from it. The Chinese government has financially contributed to the Programme for many years running, covering multiple projects. In 2019, the Chinese government donated 30,000 US dollars for the Programme of Assistance in general.

China has also directly supported the capacity building of Asian and African countries in the field of international law in the form of cooperation projects. In July 2015, the Chinese government launched the China-AALCO Exchange and Research Program on International Law. Five sessions have been successfully held so far. In August 2019, 44 officials from 38 Asian and African countries, the AALCO and the AU participated in the fifth training course held in Beijing and Hong Kong. From October 14 to 25 this year, China held the first Belt & Road Workshop on the Cooperation in the Rule of Law in Beijing and Xi'an, attended by legal officials from over 20 countries.

Madam Chair,

The effective implementation of the Programme of Assistance requires the joint efforts of the international community. China stands ready to work with all partners to provide continued support to the Programme, and contribute to the teaching, study and dissemination of international law, and to the capacity building of developing countries in the field of international law.

Thank you, Madam Chair.