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NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN THE TEACHING,

STUDY, DISSEMINATION AND WIDER APPRECIATION OF

INTERNATIONAL LAW” (UNDER AGENDA ITEM 78)

INTRODUCTION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.6/74/L.15

ON BEHALF OF THE BUREAU

19TH NOVEMBER, 2019

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.6/74/L.15**, 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 73/201 adopted in 2018 and includes necessary technical updates. My remarks this morning will highlight the main elements of the resolution.

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 2020 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 2021 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.

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 XXXII of Reports of International Arbitral Awards* and in **operative paragraphs 15 and 16**, the General Assembly would express its appreciation for the issuance of the *International Law Handbook* and the *Recueil de droit international: Collection d'instruments*.

Finally, in **operative paragraph 28** the General Assembly would appoint 25 Member States as members of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law for a period of four years, beginning on 1 January 2020. The 25 Member States are: Argentina, Canada, Chile, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America and Uruguay.

Mr. Chair,

This concludes my introduction of draft resolution **A/C.6/74/L.15** 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.