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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,

My Delegation is pleased with the Report of the Secretary-General on Agenda Item 78 entitled "**United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law**" tabled for consideration. We would also like to commend the good work of the Delegation of Ghana in steering the affairs of the Advisory Committee since its inception.

2. Nigeria recognises the programme of assistance as one of the tools available in providing understanding of the complex issues in the world. For this reason, we shall continue to support efforts that are directed towards sustaining the laudable programme. Nigeria is the view that the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law would contribute to greater understanding of the subject.

3. At the 73rd Session, my delegation supported the additional funding for the programme that was included in the regular budget for the biennium 2018 - 2019. To that end, my delegation commends the voluntary contributions made by some member states for the activities.

4. In addition, we appreciate the regional course in International Law for Africa that was held at the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), in Addis Ababa from 11 February to 8 March, 2019.

Mr. Chairman,

5. The Programme of assistance continues to have positive impact on students and practitioners of international law worldwide. My Delegation commends the Office of Legal Affairs and the Codification Division for their relentless efforts in the implementation of the programme.

6. We also commend the International Law Fellowship Programme that was held in The Hague from 1 July to 9 August, 2019, where a total of 22 participants comprising of 11 men and 11 women attended the programme with 21 receiving fellowships.

7. Nigeria recognises that the UN Audiovisual Library of international law is another essential tool that provides a wider understanding of international law. We, therefore, urge the UN to continue to promote access and utilization of this important tool.

8. In conclusion, my Delegation commends the resumption of Desktop Publishing activities that started in 2017 and hopes this would be sustained.

I thank you.