

Statement Delivered by Hanna Betachew Birhanu: on behalf of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia: 76 session of the Sixth Committee: Agenda Item 81: United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law; 21 October 2021, New York

Thank You Madame Chair,

Let me join the speakers before me in thanking the secretariat for the report. We appreciate the details and the concise approach followed.

Ethiopia aligns with the statement delivered on behalf of the Africa Group.

The programme of assistance in the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law is making tangible contribution for multilateralism. The works of the programme are especially crucial for the study, promotion and practice of international law in developing countries, by enabling practitioners to stay up-to-date in the developments of international law.

Madam Chair,

Ethiopia has had the honor of hosting the regional course on international law for Africa since 2011. In the rounds so far, we have received 213 participants from 48 countries. The programme is a grand opportunity for training and creates the platform for international law academics and practitioners to form inter-personal and professional networks.

Ethiopia will continue to provide all the support needed for the successful management of the program. We are also willing to work towards enhancing the programme and its reach. In this regard, we thank all the states that made a financial contribution to support the work of the programme and we hope that this good practice will continue to enhance.

Madam Chair,

From the report, we see the efforts made to ensure the continuation of the programme in the face of challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The virtual learning

opportunities are very well appreciated as an interim means. This being said, we reiterate the need for continuation of in-person training. In this regard, we appreciate the report for accurately emphasizing the importance of the in-person training. Ethiopia looks forward to receive the next cohort of the regional course participants in Addis Ababa.

On the publications and audio-visual library, everyone that uses the resources appreciates the service. Ethiopia is interested and will work towards promoting the works of and increasing accessibility of the works of the programme of assistance in the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law.

I thank you