



**Statement**  
**on behalf of the Republic of South Africa**  
**by**

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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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**Chairperson,**

Thank you for affording us an opportunity to make this statement on the agenda item 81 entitled “The United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law.”

**Chairperson,**

The Programme of Assistance is a core programme of the United Nations comprising many valuable elements and, as such should be widely supported. This delegation has, on a number of occasions, spoken about the importance of promoting the rule of law, both at national and international level. We see the Programme of Assistance as an important tool to that end.

**Chairperson,**

We commend the continued efforts of the Codification Division on the activities which contribute to educating students and practitioners throughout the world in international law. The Audio-visual Library of International Law is a major contribution to the teaching and dissemination of international law. It provides an opportunity for everyone, wherever they may be, to benefit from this important learning tool. The podcasts of the Lecture Series has proven to be yet another invaluable tool which has

significantly improved the accessibility of the Audio-visual Library.

**Chairperson,**

The United Nations Regional Course in Africa is invaluable to the African continent. The efforts by the African Union by contributing to the success of the UN Regional Course in International Law in Ethiopia is commended.

As a final message, we urge member states to make voluntary contributions in order to assist the Programme to continue its efforts to contribute to the dissemination of international law. Our government will continue to support the efforts of the Programme of Assistance.

I thank you.

