

Statement by Mr. Khalilah Hackman (Ghana), Coordinator of the draft resolution on the “United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law” (under agenda item 81)

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/76/L.21 on behalf of the Bureau

Thank you, Madam Chair.

Madam Chair,

Today I have the honour to introduce, on behalf of the Bureau, the draft resolution contained in document **A/C.6/76/L.21**, 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 75/134 adopted on 15 December 2020, and includes necessary technical updates as well as a few new paragraphs. 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 8 and 18** would provide the mandate in 2022 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.

The draft resolution would also provide for the award of the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea in 2022, subject to the availability of funds from voluntary contributions and subject to the limitations which may be imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The draft resolution would also urge the Secretary-General, in **operative paragraph 6**, to continue conducting interactive online workshops, when the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law and the International Law Fellowship Programme cannot take place in person owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Madam Chair,

Pursuant to **operative paragraph 9**, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to continue to include resources for such activities in the proposed programme budget for 2023 and pursuant to **operative paragraph 3**, would authorize the Secretary-General to further expand such activities using voluntary contributions.

Pursuant to **operative paragraph 27**, 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.

Madam Chair,

This concludes my introduction of draft resolution **A/C.6/76/L.21** 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.