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Statement

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Mr. Chairman,

Let me join the other speakers in thanking the Secretariat for the report on this agenda item.

Ethiopia aligns itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished representatives of Pakistan on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and Morocco on behalf of the Africa Group, respectively and would like to make the following remarks in our national capacity.

As you all know, the regional course on international law for Africa has been held in the capital city of Africa, Addis Ababa since 2011. The regional course has benefitted 213 participants from more than 48 African Countries. Participants of the programme come from a wide spectrum of professions, and include diplomats, prosecutors, teachers, staff of independent human rights organizations, the African Union and several others.

The program of assistance has thus made huge contributions in the teaching, study, dissemination and wider applications of international law which in turn has enhanced the role of multilateralism.

Moreover, the training programme has afforded international law academics and practitioners the opportunity to create a platform to strengthen interpersonal and professional networks. It also plays a

crucial role in building the capacity needed to ensuring rule of law at the national and international levels.

Mr. Chairman,

Ethiopia values the contributions of the regional course and we look forward to continue hosting the programme where trainees benefit from the presence of regional and multilateral organizations and where they will have the opportunity to see in action the applications of international law. We will continue to provide all the necessary support needed for the successful management and organization of the program.

We are also willing to work towards enhancing and expanding the program. In this regard, we thank Member States and partners who have made financial contributions to support the work of the programme and we are confident that it will be further strengthened.

From the report, Mr. Chairman, we see the efforts made to ensure the continuation of the program in the face of challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The virtual learning opportunities are very well appreciated as an interim means. We reiterate the need for continuation of in-person training, and in this regard, we concur with the report for accurately emphasizing the importance of this mode of training. Ethiopia, therefore, looks forward to receiving the next cohort of the regional course participants in Addis Ababa.

We also commend the work that is being done with regards to publications and audio-visual library, which in our view is extremely crucial in providing Member States with the indispensable resources on international law.

In conclusion Mr. Chairman, I would like to reiterate the commitment of my government to continue to work with the United Nations in promoting the program of assistance in the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law.

I thank you.