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**Statement by Loureen Sayej, Third Secretary, before the 77<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly Meeting of the Sixth Committee on United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study and Wider Appreciation of International Law (Agenda Item 76)**

Mr. Chair,

We align ourselves with the statements delivered by Pakistan on behalf of the G77 and China and Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The State of Palestine thanks the Secretary-General for his report on the United Nations Program of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law.

In an era where global communications are in a state of considerable uncertainty and unprecedented flux, the Programme of Assistance on international law is critical for devising the role of the United Nations in generating respect for and implementation of international law at the domestic, regional, and international levels.

The State of Palestine stresses its strong support for United Nations capacity building, training, and skills management programs. We reiterate that an equitable access to information is fundamental. Therefore, devising regional courses in international law for Africa, Asia and the Pacific, as well as Latin America and the Caribbean will ensure a more just, equitable, and inclusive Programme.

The State of Palestine recognizes that for over half a century, the Programme has developed accessible, practical, and interactive approaches to teaching and disseminating international law and shaping its details. With thousands of scholars, including many Palestinian diplomats and lawyers, the Programme has become a powerful forum for preparing future decision makers and accommodating current ones.

Indeed, the Programme is an investment in justice and peace. It is an affirmation of the international community's commitment to the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter. We extend our gratitude for the States that have provided voluntary contributions and call on others to ensure the sustainability of the program and possible expansion.

Finally, we thank the Office of Legal Affairs, in particular the Codification Division, in implementing the Programme and reinvigorating reliable multilateral efforts on implementing the law.