



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

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**Chairperson,**

South Africa expresses gratitude to His Excellency Harold Agyeman, Permanent Representative of Ghana for his dedication and leadership as the Chair of the Advisory Committee, as well as Mr Huw Llewellyn, Acting Secretary of the Committee for his unwavering commitment to ensuring the implementation of the activities under the Programme of Assistance.

**Chairperson,**

The Programme of Assistance is an effective tool for strengthening international peace and security and promoting friendly relations and cooperation among States. We recognise the importance of the Programme of Assistance in fostering a better understanding of international law through its regional courses and seminars, law fellowship programmes, and the dissemination of legal publications and information. The Regional Courses are immensely beneficial to state officials of both developing and developed countries who work in the field of international law and we express our gratitude to those countries for hosting the Regional Courses. South Africa commends the Codification Division for the cost saving measures undertaken regarding the International Law Fellowship Programme and the Regional Courses in increasing the number of fellowships for the training programmes.

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is an invaluable tool for the study, research and dissemination of International Law. The Library provides access to invaluable archives of the United Nations and collections of lecture series by leading scholars and practitioners and an expansion of the archives would be welcomed by South Africa. South Africa commends the Codification Division on the issuance of the edition of the International Law Handbook: Collection of Instruments. This is a valuable resource for international law education which can be used at academic institutions across the world more especially in developing countries.

**Chairperson,**

We urge member states to make voluntary contributions to assist the Programme to continue its efforts to contribute to the dissemination of international law. We also would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all member states which have contributed to the success of the Programme. South Africa will continue to support the Programme.

I thank you.