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**STATEMENT**

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**PERMANENT MISSION OF NIGERIA TO THE UNITED  
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**ON**

**UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN  
THE TEACHING, STUDY, DISSEMINATION AND WIDER  
APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**

**AT**

**THE 78<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY**

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**Mr. Chair**

Thank you for giving me the floor.

2. My delegation aligns itself with the statements delivered by Uganda on behalf of the African Group and Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, respectively.

3. My delegation would also like to thank the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs for coordinating the implementation of the Programme of Assistance. We also commend your work providing summaries of the jurisprudence of the International Court of Justice, the Legislative Series, the United Nations Judicial Yearbook and the Yearbook of the International Law Commission.

4. We acknowledge the importance of the programme to provide knowledge and capacity building in the legal system and International Law, to enhance the effective implementation of the rule of law. Nigeria remains deeply committed to the observance of the rule of law and considers justice as a fundamental prerequisite for the establishment of the law, and as the basis of peaceful coexistence, and prevention of conflicts.

**Mr. Chair**

5. My delegation welcomes the establishment of the three Regional Courses in International Law designed for training and

dissemination of legal knowledge to professionals, particularly in developing countries. The programme has had an appreciable impact on students and legal practitioners of international law. It has further facilitated effective multilateral frameworks, strengthened friendly relations, and promoted International Peace and Security across the globe. We wish to note the need to also conduct the Regional Courses programme in English for wider coverage and participation.

6. Nigeria pledges its continuous support through voluntary contributions to the programme of Assistance. It has remained committed to providing assistance to countries within the African region to attend the Nigerian Law School programme each year. It also organizes training programmes at the National Judicial Institute (NJI) for Judicial Officers.

**Mr. Chair**

7. Nigeria continues to call for adequate funding for the Programme, in particular for the Audiovisual Library of International Law and the Regional Courses in International Law, through the regular budget of the United Nations, with voluntary contributions from member states as a complimentary source of funding.

8. The Nigeria Judiciary, through National Judicial Institute of Nigeria, is willing to work with the UN Legal Office to adopt a model curriculum for relevant courses on International Law for

the Institute's programmes and further engagement on the implementation of the Programme of Assistance.

I thank You.