THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

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United Nations Programme of Assistance in Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

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Mr. Chair, thank you for giving me the floor.

1. My delegation aligns itself with the statements delivered by Iran on behalf of NAM, Cuba on behalf of the G77 and China and Uganda on behalf of the African Group. Let me add a few remarks on my national capacity.

2. My delegation takes Note of the Secretary-General's Report on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law as contained in document **A/78/514** and wishes to express our gratitude to the Secretary-General and the Secretariat for this well-detailed report.

Mr. Chair,

3. Tanzania acknowledges the importance of the Programme in contributing to a better knowledge of international law, principles and purposes of the United Nations in accordance with the UN Charter. A better understanding of international law helps to promote the rule of law at the international level in accordance with Goal 16 of the Sustainable Development Goals.

4. In this regard, we commend the efforts of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations in implementing the Programme during the reporting period. The Regional Courses in International Law held in Africa, Latin America, Asia – Pacific and the Caribbean played an essential role in enhancing Participant's understanding of International Law.

5. Tanzania continues to appreciate the existing support of the Programme to the African group through the Office of the Legal Counsel of the African Union. However, we recommend widening the scope of partnership with the regions. For Africa, the Programme should consider extending support to the African Institute on International Law, based in Arusha, Tanzania. Since its inauguration in 2015, the Institute has provided numerous trainings and workshops in International Law to participants from Africa countries.

6. The requested support enjoys the blessing of the General Assembly through several resolutions, including resolution 68/110, 75/134/ 76/110 and 77/102. My delegation also calls upon all Member States to consider extending direct, generous support to the Institute. Currently, the African Institute of International Law plans to conduct programmes on:

   (i) Capacity-building on the rights of women in Africa, an International Law Seminar for African Diplomats;
   (ii) International Law Seminar for African Judges; Treaty Law and Peaceful Settlement of Disputes Seminar for Africa; and
   (iii) Seminar on the legal protection of refugees and internally displaced persons in Africa.

These programmes are geared towards promoting the rule of law on the African continent.

Mr. Chair

7. My delegation notes with appreciation the Secretary General's efforts in maintaining the audio-visual library for teaching and disseminating international law. This library serves as a crucial resource for people who cannot access the International Law Fellowship Programme and Regional courses due to limited financial resources, particularly in developing countries.

8. While embracing modern methods of teaching and dissemination of international law, such as online platforms, Tanzania welcomes the resumption of in-person trainings as they facilitate meaningful discourse, networking opportunities, and collaborative engagement with international legal practitioners from various jurisdictions.

Mr. Chair

9. Let me turn to the funding of the Programme. Only a few applicants were selected to join the workshop during the reporting period due to the limited funds. While acknowledging the generous financial and in-kind contribution of the Member States to this vital Programme, Tanzania would, within the discussion of the Fifth Committee, ask for the increase of the budget of the Programmme of Assistance to meet its mandates.

10. In conclusion Mr. Chair, I would like to reiterate Tanzania's commitment to the United Nations Programme of Assistance as a significant platform for teaching, studying and disseminating international law.

Thank you for your kind attention.