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**STATEMENT**

**BY**

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**ON**

**THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN  
THE TEACHING, STUDY, DISSEMINATION AND WIDER  
APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW: AGENDA ITEM-  
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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. We thank the Secretary – General for his report as contain in document A/79/496 on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

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 in organizing and conducting the Regional Courses in International Law and the International Law Fellowship Programme as well as preparing a publications, developing and maintaining the Audiovisual Library of International Law and the website of the Programme of Assistance, preparing reports of the Secretary-General and providing secretariat services to the Advisory Committee of the Sixth Committee of which my country is a member. 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 as well as to promote greater understanding and cooperation

in international law issues. Nigeria remains deeply committed to the observance of the rule of law. It 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 for developing countries. Despite the deteriorating liquidity situation, the division organized the regional training for Asia-Pacific and Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean held in 2023. We acknowledge the critical importance of prioritizing gender parity and the opportunity to enhance the participation of women in the training programme. Although the last training in Africa was held in French, my delegation looks forward to participating in the upcoming training to be held in English. 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.

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.

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. With deep concern about the liquidity situation of the Programme and its activities, we encourage more self-funded participants at the training and to explore other emerging technologies with regards dissemination of information and materials in order to cut cost.

**Mr. Chair**

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.