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**ON**  
**AGENDA ITEM 78:**  
**UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE**  
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**WIDER APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**  
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**Mr. President,**

I thank you for giving me the floor. I align this statement with the statement delivered by the distinguished delegate of Uganda on behalf of the African Group. I now wish to make the following remarks in my national capacity.

**Mr. President,**

The Zambia delegation thanks the Secretary-General for his elaborate Report **A/79/496** on the implementation of the Programme of Assistance and on the activities planned for the year 2025 as well as the related administrative and financial implications. We further commend the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs for its unrelenting efforts in conducting Programme activities during the last year.

**Mr. President,**

The Codification Division plays an instrumental role in implementing the Programme of Assistance through the organizing and conducting the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law, preparing and issuing publications, developing and maintaining the UN Audiovisual Library of International Law , and by providing secretariat services to the Advisory Committee on the UN Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law.

**Mr. President,**

The purpose of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, as defined in the relevant UN resolutions, is to contribute towards deepening knowledge of international law as a means of strengthening international peace and security and promoting friendly relations and cooperation among States. The Programme levels the playing field and enables participants from developing countries to participate effectively in the development of international law and multilateralism. Both in-person and virtual platforms are utilized to

achieve this aim. Therefore, we underscore the importance of harnessing existing means of communication and the advantages that emerging technologies bring, to uphold the continuous pursuit for an enhanced understanding of international law.

**Mr. President,**

My delegation reaffirms the importance of the Programme of Assistance as a core activity of the United Nations since its establishment by the General Assembly in 1965 (pursuant to resolution 2099). The Programme has also created a forum for the promotion of capacity-building and the sharing of best practices on emerging global issues among States. My delegation implores that adequate funding for the Programme be put in place to enable wider participation across a broader spectrum of countries.

**Mr. President,**

It will be remiss of me not to acknowledge the financial and technical contributions made by some Member States to support and sustain the Programme of Assistance. These contributions range from voluntary financial contributions to those made in kind through the provision of accommodation, travel and meals to the participants in the regional trainings. These various forms of assistance have been especially helpful in this period when the United Nations is undergoing a liquidity crisis which has led to a constricted budget, thereby limiting the activities of the United Nations.

**Mr. President,**

The burgeoning importance of the Programme of Assistance cannot be over-emphasized. It meets a critical need for capacity-building in international law and diplomacy, especially for developing states. Training of a wider representation of States in international law has a strong correlation with strengthening the rule of law globally. It also facilitates wider and more effective participation in the multilateral system by all states. To solve today's problems, all hands must be on deck. Successful participants are therefore

equipped with the requisite skills to address recurring and emerging global issues of concern to the international community.

**I thank you.**