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Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of  
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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation would like to thank you for giving us the floor in order to make some comments on the agenda item 78: United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law.

The delegation of Eritrea welcomes and expresses its appreciation to the Report of the Secretary General on the United Nations Programme of Assistance.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of Egypt on behalf of the African Group on this agenda item.

Mr. Chairman,

Eritrea wishes to reiterate that the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider appreciation of International law is an important and essential activity for the international community within the field of International law. The Programme of Assistance enables, towards a better knowledge of international law, not only to strengthen international peace and security but also to promote friendly relations and cooperation among States. In this regard, Eritrea recognizes the significant role of the Programme of Assistance in the promotion and advancement of International law as provided for by the UN Charter through its teaching and dissemination, particularly for qualified professionals including mid-level government officials, lawyers and students in developing countries. Furthermore, the dissemination of legal publications and information through the Internet, as well as other electronic media under the Programme of Assistance allows the youth to acquire a deeper expertise in international law and to be more active in the field of international law.

Mr. Chairman,

Eritrea is pleased to inform that the East Africa Youth Forum aiming at strengthening the Pan African Youth Union (PYU) throughout the sub-region, was held in Asmara from 7 to 13 July 2012 under the theme “Active Youth Citizenship for Conflict Transformation and Regional Integration”. The different thematic papers presented at the forum attempted to address the nature and type of conflicts in the region, as well as the prospects of peace, security and regional integration in Eastern Africa, including peaceful settlement of disputes. With this example, my delegation wishes to emphasize that the respect and understanding of International Law cannot only be achieved through political means alone, but adequate training and dissemination of information also remain crucial in that process. Therefore, the Program of Assistance in serving the needs of Member States contributes to building and maintaining a culture of peace among States through the promotion of International law and the Rule of law.

Mr. Chairman,

International law covers a variety of issues and is in continuous development due to new customary law or adoption of a large number of international treaties and resolutions. The issues covered by international law become more complex and require more qualified professionals in different specific fields, in particular within government and higher institutions. Therefore, Eritrea strongly believes that the activities of the Program of Assistance in particular for those, which are of special benefit to persons from developing countries, should receive support by Member States, international and regional

organizations, universities and institutions. Eritrea hopes that the important regional courses under the Program of Assistance will continue to take place on a regular basis, and other countries in Africa will have the opportunity to host similar regional courses especially for developing countries.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation attaches a great appreciation to the United Nations Audiovisual Library, which constitutes an essential and very useful tool for promoting a greater understanding of the crucial role and challenges of the United Nations in the field of international law and thus respond to the increasing demand for international law training which could not be met by traditional training courses.

Mr. Chairman,

Finally, Eritrea wishes to add its voice for the establishment of sustainable financial mechanism to the United Nations Programme which will thus contribute to a significant effort to strengthen, expand and enhance the international law among member States.

Thank you.