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On Agenda Item 78: United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination, and Wider Appreciation of International Law.
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Mr. Chairman,

1. My delegation aligns itself with the statement made by Vietnam on behalf of ASEAN.
2. Lao PDR highly appreciates the continued efforts by the Secretary-General to promote activities related to international law training and dissemination within the framework of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination, and wider Appreciation of International Law. The achievements of this Programme in the past years are significant for all countries in the world in terms of national capacity building in international law.
3. Lao PDR welcomes the work of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs to implement the Programme through concrete activities, in particular the publication and dissemination of information on international law including through the Internet, and the organization of regional training courses on international law. The Fellowship Programme at the Peace Palace in The Hague, among others, is an excellent intensive training course covering core aspects of international law that are useful to all countries, including the developing countries. Regional courses on international law, one of such to be held in Thailand later this year are also a useful exercise.
4. The Lao Government has given priority to the international law education. An International law has been included as an imperative subject in the undergraduate and postgraduate programmes of Law Schools, the Police Academy, the National Academy of Politics and Public Administration. Short term training courses on international law are also made available in the country.

5. With financial and technical supports from development partners, namely UNDP, EU and Finland, the Lao PDR Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been implementing the International Law Project, which has an objective to help enhance the Lao PDR's participation in the international legal system. Project programmes and activities implemented in the forms of workshops, seminars, training courses, internship programmes, etc, have benefited a wide range of target groups including academic and research institutions, government officials, parliamentarians, judges, prosecutors, the police, lawyers and local administrations. These programs and activities have very much contributed to the Lao Government's efforts in meeting its international obligations and building a nation governed by the rule of law.

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6. Lao PDR is highly grateful for the financial and technical assistance provided by the development partners in the area of international law in the country. Recently, Lao PDR has embarked on the implementation of the Legal Sector Master Plan on the development of the Rule of Law, of which international law is part and parcel. The implementation of the Master Plan from now on will also take into due consideration the outcome of the UN High Level Meeting on the Rule of Law, which has a strong emphasis on international law.

7. Lao PDR believes that the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination, and Wider Appreciation of International Law will undoubtedly benefit all nations in the years to come, especially developing countries. My delegation hopes that nominated candidates from the Lao PDR would always be given a chance to be duly considered for admission in the earlier mentioned training courses on international law organized under this Programme. Lao PDR is also looking forward to further cooperation and generous support from development partners in the implementation of the Legal Sector Master Plan.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.