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GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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,

Nigeria wishes to express deep appreciation to the Secretary-General for his report on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. Undoubtedly, the report provides information concerning the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. Specifically, it provides in details the cost-savings measures undertaken with regard to International Law Fellowship to maintain the number of fellowships available for a comprehensive international law training programme. It also contains detailed information on The Hague Academy of International Law, reputed for its valuable contributions in capacity training, strengthening the programme of Assistance thereby enabling candidates under the International Law Fellowship Programme participate in the programme in conjunction with the Academy courses.

3. Indeed, my delegation is pleased to participate as a member of the Advisory Committee on this Programme, The establishment of the Program of Assistance Forty-seven years ago (1965) continues to make great stride and creating positive impacts on students and practitioners of international throughout the World but specifically, in developing countries such as Nigeria. We congratulate other members of the Committee for their pain-staking actions that resulted in this report, actively supported by the Codification Division of the United Nations.

We have no doubts that the outcome of this report shall benefit the international community in the establishment of appropriate legal framework as well as facilitate the promotion of friendly relations between States, in which invariably is the basis of concrete foundation of peace and security in the world. Nigeria recognizes the Programme of Assistance as one of many tools that assist in providing a deeper understanding of the complex issues existing in our interconnected world. Nigeria commends the Office of Legal Affairs and the Codification Division in particular for its relentless efforts on the implementation of the programme.

4. My delegation enjoin other member States to support the idea of exploring the possibilities of appropriate increase in the financial support of these activities from the regular budget to ensure the strengthening of international law programme and training courses around the world, as well as the suggestion that revenue generated by the sales of the legal publications prepared by the Codification Division be used to fund its activities under the Programme of Assistance. The importance of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law deserves our urgent intervention for its viability.

5. I thank You for your attention.