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STATEMENT BY
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TO THE UNITED NATIONS

ON AGENDA ITEM 77 ENTITLED
“UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE
IN THE TEACHING, STUDY, DISSEMINATION AND WIDER APPRECIATION
OF INTERNATIONAL LAW”
AT THE SIXTH COMMITTEE OF THE
SIXTY-NINTH SESSION OF
THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, allow me to take this opportunity to thank the Secretary General for his report on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law as contained in document A/69/516. We also wish to thank the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, particularly to Mrs. Virginia Morris and her team for their efforts in implementing the various activities outlined in the Programme of Assistance for 2014. Their dedication to the outlined Programme is commendable despite facing severe budget constraints. As part of the member of the Advisory Committee of this Programme, we also wish to express our gratitude to H.E. Mr. Ken Kanda, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, for his efforts in steering the discussion that has enabled us to reach a consensus outcome.

2. Malaysia wishes to align itself with the statement made by Bolivia on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as that by the Lao People's Democratic Republic on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Mr. Chairman,

3. Malaysia recognizes the importance and relevance of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. We believe that the Programme is useful to Member

States as part of a concerted effort in promoting international law and the strengthening the rule of law.

4. The Programme of Assistance is an important building block in the promotion of rule of law that incorporates fundamental issues, that includes peace and security, development and human rights. Through this Programme Member States are exposed to various scopes of international law that helps create understanding and enhances international relations.

5. The Audiovisual Library (AVL) is an important resource tool in the study of international law. The lecture series, historical archives and research library in the AVL is not just a tool for education, but it is also a 'window' for lawyers, diplomats and government officials to understand the field of international law. As such, the AVL is a manifestation of the importance of education to both, the developed and developing world.

Mr. Chairman,

6. Malaysia welcomes the successful convening of the International Law Fellowship Programme which was held in the Hague from 30 June to the 8 of August 2014. This prestigious fellowship programme has brought together numerous practitioners, scholars and academic experts in the field of international law. We are of the view that such Fellowship Programme is indeed vital in promoting the rule of law at the international level.

7. Equally important is the convening of the Regional Courses in International Law in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 7 April to 2 May 2014. We would like to see the convening of similar Courses in other regions as well. In this regard, Malaysia commends Ethiopia, Thailand and Uruguay for agreeing to host the United Nations Regional courses in their respective regions in 2014 and for 2015.

Mr. Chairman,

8. Malaysia would like to join the consensus among Member States for the Programme of Assistance be funded through the regular budget. We would like to recall GA resolutions 66/97, 67/91 and 68/110, where the Secretary General must ensure funding to the Assistance Programme under the regular budget. We call on all Member States to ensure that the Programme of Assistance would receive the necessary resources for its activities.

Mr. Chairman,

9. *"Give a man a fish, than you will feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime".*

10. The Programme of Assistance is important to our fundamental quest in instilling the rule of law in international relations. The Programme promotes and educates people from all across the globe and is vital in fostering understanding among Member States. In this regard, Malaysia would like to see a continued funding to the Programme of Assistance.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.