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Statement on Agenda Item 79:

**“United Nations Programme of Assistance
in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and
Wider Appreciation of International Law”**

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“برنامج الأمم المتحدة للمساعدة في
تدريس القانون الدولي ودراسته ونشره
وزيادة تفهمه”

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Madam Chair,

Egypt aligns itself with the statement delivered by Guyana on behalf of G77 and China, and the statement delivered by Eswatini on behalf of the African Group. We note with appreciation the Secretary General's report on this agenda item included in document A/75/389.

Madam Chair,

As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the United Nations this year, and the onset of a new era where the rule of law prevails, the significance of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law cannot be stressed enough.

In a world where the rule of law continues to be fostered on the international and national levels, and a multilateral legal system is crafted and continues to be developed institutionally and normatively, there should be enough academics and practitioners that teach and practice international law, advise governments and devise policies in a manner consistent with international law.

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In our view, the various activities of the programme of assistance serve this objective well. This applies to the regional courses of international law, the international law fellowship programme, and the United Nations audiovisual library of international law, which has gained more significance during the current Covid-19 pandemic. We support ideas expressed by some delegations aiming at increasing the accessibility to the library, while bridging the digital gap that puts many people in developing and least developed countries at a disadvantage.

Madam Chair,

Before concluding, we would like to express our appreciation to the Codification Division for its continuous support of the Program of Assistance, especially its measures taken in response to Covid-19, including the provision of self-paced learning curricula for participants selected for training courses until their physical convening is possible.

Last but not least, we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to H.E. Ambassador Martha Pobee, the Permanent Representative of Ghana, for her able leadership of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance over the past five years.

Thank you Madam Chair.