



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
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STATEMENT

**by the delegation of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova
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Second Secretary**

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Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law – of the Sixth Committee of
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Mr. Chair,

The Republic of Moldova aligns itself with the statement of the European Union delivered under the current agenda item. Further I would like to add a few remarks from a national perspective.

My delegation thanks the UN Secretary – General for his comprehensive report on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. We note with appreciation the Codification Division's efforts in implementing the activities under the Programme of Assistance despite the existing challenges.

Mr. Chair,

The ability to embrace timely the innovative solutions and digital means of communication have proven to be essential in conducting some of the training programmes scheduled for 2020, namely the renowned International Law Fellowship Programme and the Regional Course in International Law for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Therefore, the selected participants were provided with a remote learning curriculum which had references to the important on-line sources such as the websites of the International Law Commission, of the UN Audiovisual Library of International Law, the UN legal publications portal and so on.

This, as well as the constant demand for international law training, reconfirm the need to continue to invest in enhancing the websites maintained by the Codification Division and to expand them with the ever evolving practice and scholarly research and writings from different legal systems and geographical regions.

My delegation congratulates the Codification Division for the establishment of a alumni network of participants of the past training programmes, that the former fellows from Republic of Moldova are also members of. Under this initiative, the participants benefit from on-line lectures of notorious professors of international law, that help them stay connected to the academic discussions on the most important issues of international law.

When speaking about the dissemination and the wider appreciation of international law, making use of modern tools in modern times is essential. In this context, we commend the launch of mini-series of lectures that address the core-topics of international law, and the facilitation of use of the library podcast. These approaches can contribute to maintaining and wide-spreading international law, especially amongst the younger generation of law students.

Mr. Chair,

Although, solutions for the current extraordinary circumstances were identified, in order to enhance the knowledge of the selected participants for the previously mentioned two programmes, we would encourage the Codification Division to explore the possibility of on-line courses or virtual classrooms, where the professors and the participants can engage in active discussions – if similar circumstances might occur in the future – in order to strenghten the learning process.

In conclusion, Mr. Chair, my delegation would also like to thank all the countries mentioned in the Report for their generous voluntary financial contributions to the Programme of Assistance. As a country that benefits from the International Law Fellowship Programme, as well as from the resources of the UN Audiovisual Library, we value the possibility of expanding the understanding of international law of the current and future interested generations of students and experts.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.