

STATEMENT

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ON

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**Mr. Chairman,**

My Delegation is pleased with the Report of the Secretary-General on Agenda Item 79 entitled "**United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law**" tabled for consideration. We would also like to commend the good work of the Delegation of Ghana in steering the affairs of the Advisory Committee since its inception.

2. Nigeria recognises the programme of assistance as one of the tools available in providing understanding of the complex issues in the world. For this reason, we shall continue to support efforts that are directed towards sustaining the laudable programme. Nigeria is of the view that the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law would contribute to greater understanding of the subject. In this regard, Nigeria

is pleased to be re-appointed into the Advisory Committee to serve as a member for the period from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2023.

3. My delegation commends the voluntary contributions made by some member states for the activities of the Programme of Assistance. We also appreciate the regional course in International Law for Africa that was held shortly before the COVID-19 pandemic at the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), in Addis Ababa from 3rd - 28th February, 2020.

**Mr. Chairman,**

4. The Programme of assistance continues to have positive impact on students and practitioners of international law worldwide. My Delegation commends the Office of Legal Affairs and the Codification Division for their relentless efforts in the implementation of the programme.

5. Although the International Law Fellowship Programme scheduled to hold from 29th June to 10th August 2020 could not hold as planned, my delegation commends the effort made by the Division to provide the applicants with a remote self paced learning curriculum designed by the division as an interim means of capacity building.

6. Nigeria recognises that the UN Audiovisual Library of international law is another essential tool that aids in facilitating a wider understanding of international law. We, therefore, urge the UN to continue to promote access and utilization of this important tool.

7. In conclusion, my Delegation commends the resumption of Desktop Publishing activities that started in 2017 and hopes this would be sustained by the Division by exploring ways of sustaining such efforts beyond 2021.

I thank you.

