

STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairperson,

Let me join the other speakers in thanking the Secretariat for the report on this agenda item.

Ethiopia aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the Africa Group, the Non-Aligned Movement and G77 plus China, respectively, and I will make the following remarks in our national capacity.

Since 2011, Ethiopia hosted the regional course on international law for Africa that has been taking place in Addis Ababa. The regional course, delivered in French and English, has benefitted 234 participants from more than 48 African Countries. Participants of the programme came from a wide spectrum of professions, and include diplomats, prosecutors, teachers, and staff of independent human rights organizations, the African Union and several others.

The program of assistance has thus made huge contributions in the teaching, study, dissemination and wider applications of international law which in turn has enhanced multilateralism. Moreover, the training programme has afforded international law academics and practitioners the opportunity to create a platform to strengthen interpersonal and professional networks.

Mr. Chairperson,

Ethiopia appreciates the continued commitment of the UN and we will continue to provide all the necessary support needed for the successful management and organization of the program. In this regard, we thank Member States and partners who have made financial contributions to support the work of the programme and we hope that this good practice will continue to enhance.

On the publications and audio- visual library, we would like to appreciate the continuing improvements on the library. We also believe we should make more effort to promote this resource among potential users. In this regard, working with universities and academic and research institutions could enhance accessibility and use of the audio-visual library.

It is in light of this that I would like to mention the cooperation between the codification division and Africa Institute of International Law. This cooperation that was recognized by the General Assembly Resolution since the 68th Session has been productive.

With the support of the Secretariat and the financial contribution of the UN and financial contributions from China, Finland, Italy, New Zealand, Sweden, and the African Union, the Institute conducted Seminar on International Law for African Universities in Ghana in 2016. Unfortunately, the subsequent seminar that was planned to be hosted in Ethiopia in 2017 could not succeed due to financial constraints.

We believe it is necessary to revive this exemplary cooperation to conduct the second seminar of universities in 2024. Ethiopia is ready to host the second seminar and provide the necessary facilitation to its successful completion. We encourage the secretariat to explore concrete ways to support the Seminar.

In conclusion Mr. Chairman, I would like to reiterate the commitment of my government to continue to work with the United Nations in promoting the program of assistance in the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law.

I thank you.