STATEMENT
By the Delegation of Viet Nam
at the Sixth Committee of the 78th Session of the General Assembly

Agenda item 78 “United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law”

Please check against delivery

Mr. Chair,

Viet Nam aligns itself with statements delivered by the distinguished representative of Singapore on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and Cuba on behalf of G-77.

We 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” and commend the Advisory Committee, as well as the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs for their continued commitment and support to the programme and its success.

Mr. Chair,

International law has long served as the cornerstone of peace and cooperation among nations, ensuring stability, order, and justice in the international system. It governs the conduct of States, providing a legal framework for dispute resolution, fostering cooperation, and facilitating development. Consequently, the dissemination and education of international law are essential, not only to enhance States' capabilities but also to promote a greater understanding on contemporary issues of international law.

In this regard, the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination, and Wider Appreciation of International Law represents a commendable effort in advancing the study and appreciation of international law. We welcome the training programmes conducted within this Programme’s framework, especially the retaining and resuming of in-person lectures. These activities play an instrumental role in advancing international law education, supporting legal experts, scholars, and policymakers in various countries, as well as foster friendly relations and cooperation among participants.
My delegation commends the diligent endeavors undertaken by the Codification Division in further expanding the repository of educational and research materials within the Audiovisual Library of International Law, and for their dissemination through various podcast channels. These resources hold profound value for legal scholars, students, and individuals seeking to deepen their knowledge of international law.

We would like to take this opportunity to express its appreciation for the substantial role of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) and its various offices in countries worldwide. The PCA’s contributions to training government experts in dispute resolution hold immeasurable value. By providing specialized training programs and essential resources, the PCA has significantly strengthened the legal capacity of officials, diplomats and legal practitioners, thereby assisting States to navigate international disputes with heightened efficiency and efficacy.

Mr. Chair,

Viet Nam strongly supports the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination, and Wider Appreciation of International Law. We look forward to the Program's expansion to more Member States and encourage its continuous development and effective implementation.

To conclude, my delegation reiterates its engagement on this important topic with a view to further promoting international law and enhancing multilateral collaboration.

I thank you Mr. Chair!