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In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

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Señora Presidenta.

Al inicio, deseo expresar mi agradecimiento al Presidente del Comité y a la Secretaría por su presentación.

Este año se conmemora el sexagésimo aniversario del establecimiento del Programa. No es una mera coincidencia que este año también celebremos el octogésimo aniversario de las Naciones Unidas, ya que la Carta de las Naciones Unidas sentó una base única para la promoción del Estado de Derecho en el plano internacional. Alcanzar este noble objetivo solo es posible mediante la enseñanza, el estudio y la difusión del derecho internacional.

Durante décadas, el Programa de Asistencia ha constituido el pilar fundamental de los esfuerzos de las Naciones Unidas para promover un mejor conocimiento del derecho internacional. Su importante contribución a la enseñanza y la difusión del derecho internacional, en beneficio de los juristas de todos los países, sistemas jurídicos y regiones del mundo, sigue siendo de gran valor.

Madam Chair.

While we understand the severe liquidity challenges facing the Organization, which undermines the effective delivery of its mandates, given the importance of the program, it is important to explore possible appropriate avenues overcome this challenge in future, this is our joint commitment to future generation of diplomats and international lawyers; in our view, this is not a cost but an investment in promoting international law and the rule of law at the international level.

On lecturers, as geographical representation among participants is being considered by the organizers of the courses and fellowships, geographical representation among the lecturers should also be taken into account. Lecturers could also be the representation of various principal legal systems of the world. The UN digital library and the Yearbook of the United Nations are two of the most valuable repositories containing a multitude of works collected and examined by the UN over the course of its history. This capacity could be employed for the purposes of the programs, as appropriate.

Finally, any potential reform or arrangements including the UN80 initiative, should not prejudice the General-Assembly established mandates for this program but to strengthen its works, in particular, to the benefit of developing countries.

I thank you.