

**Statement by H.E. Mr. Viliami Va'ingana Tui'u ,  
Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Tonga to the United Nations  
at the meeting of the Sixth Committee during its 73<sup>rd</sup> Session on  
Agenda Item 81: United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study,  
Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law**

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**Mr. Chairman,**

1. This statement is aligned with the statement made by the distinguished representative of Egypt on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
2. Tonga recalls that the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law was adopted in the Trusteeship Council Chamber,

publications. The robust work of the Programme of Assistance has contributed significantly to building the capacity of the legal counsel and the legal policy advisers in Tonga. We thank the Office of Legal Affairs and its specialized divisions for their tireless efforts to support the Programme, despite the limited resources available to them.

5. Tonga reiterates its satisfaction, expressed last year, with the budget allocation for the Programme in the current biennium. This, we understand, will facilitate the fellowship and regional courses through 2019. Tonga is particularly pleased to see the support provided by the Governments of Thailand, New Zealand and the UN agencies and regional offices in accommodating and supporting the Asia Pacific regional course in December of 2017. We also thank the contributors who positively responded to the Secretary-General's request, as mandated in the UN General Assembly Resolution 72/115. We thank and acknowledge their generous contributions, which ensure the continuation and strengthening of the Programme.

**Mr. Chairman,**

6. The Programme of Assistance, although established as a means of strengthening international peace and security and promoting friendly relations and cooperation among States, is at its heart a vehicle for un(e)7(ffo)20(r)-20(t(n)21((e)7(ff6 ))JTJ4(t(i)7(nt)7(e)7(r)-20(n)2

