Statement

On behalf of the African Group

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Madam Chair,

Egypt has the honour

friendly relations and cooperation among states. As such, not only does the United Nations Programme of Assistance for the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law directly serve the very objectives and principles of the United Nations and the foundation of the current global order, it also represents an important assistive tool for the implementation of United Nations programmes and activities worldwide.

Madam Chair,

The African Group notes with appreciation the activities outlined in the Secretary General's report in relation to the International Law Fellowship Programme, the United Nations Regional Courses on International Law, the Audiovisual Library of International Law, the website, in addition to Hamilton Shirley Amerasingh Memorial Fellowship. The African Group acknowledges the paramount importance of such activities in the dissemination of international law knowledge and capacity building of legal professionals worldwide, particularly in Africa. In this regard, it is noteworthy that more than a third of the applicants for the 2019 International Law Fellowship Programme were from Africa. We also attach great importance to the Regional Course in International Law for Africa which takes place annually at the UNECA in Addis Ababa.

Madam Chair,

We would also like to commend the activities undertaken by the Codification

networks for former participants in courses conducted by the Programme of Assistance. We find this exercise to be indeed a very useful one, aimed at the creation of a community of international law professional, which we view as a useful tool for the realization overarching objectives of the Programme