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AT

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My delegation would like to thank the Secretary-General for his report contained in A/79/496.

fellowships, 211 applications were received by the Secretariat from candidates. This is a clear demonstration of the need to do more to meet the growing demand.

been hosting the regional Ethiopia has course on international law for Africa since 2011. We believe that the Programme of Assistance has made huge contributions in the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law which in turn has enhanced multilateralism. The trainees for the programme come from a wide spectrum of professional fields which include diplomats, prosecutors, teachers, staff of independent human rights organizations, the African Union and several others. Moreover, the training programme has afforded academics and practitioners of international law the opportunity platform strengthen to create а to interpersonal and professional networks.

Furthermore, my delegation would like to underline the critical importance of the Audiovisual Library of International Law which has become an essential tool of the Program of Assistance in providing training to individuals and institutions around the world, free of

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charge, through the internet. Although it was created primarily for the benefit of lawyers from developing countries, it continues to be accessed by lawyers from developed countries as well. We therefore encourage the Codification Division to further strengthen its efforts in promoting the awareness of the Audiovisual Library, particularly in developing countries.

We also strongly support the efforts of the Codification Division to make the lectures available in podcasts for academic institutions in developing countries.

From the report of the Secretary-General mentioned above, we have also learnt that the liquidity situation of the Organization and the cash conservation measures implemented to address the My delegation also encourages the Codification Division to cooperate with the African Institute of International Law, as recognized by the General assembly resolution. This is dedicated to offering higher learning and research in international law needed for the development of Africa in the implementation of the relevant activities under the Programme of Assistance, including the Second International Law Seminar for African Universities which will be held in Ethiopia in 2025.

In conclusion, let me take this opportunity to commend the Chair of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, all members, and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs.

We also wish to recognize those that have contributed voluntarily to the Programme of Assitance and encourage them to continue to make additional contributions.

In our part, in Ethiopia, I can assure you of our commitment to continue to provide all the necessary support needed for the successful management, organization and hosting of the regional program for Africa, and the International Law Seminar for African Universities which is scheduled to be held in 2025.

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