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STATEMENT

Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations

Agenda Item - 78: United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study,

Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

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implementation of the programme of Assistance in the United National Law

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Mr. Chair,

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In the case of the Regional Course in Africa, we note that the Report indicates that due to cash conservation measures, due to reduce its impact on liquidity, some of the expenses of the Regional Course were funded from extrabudgetary resources.

The report also indicates significant impact on Latin America and Caribbean, and the planning and implementation of the Regional Course was delayed owing to the 'uncertainty regarding access to regular budget funds.'

The same uncertainty regarding access to regular budget funds also had an impact on the International Law Fellowship Programme and the updating of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law, no lectures were recorded during the reporting period as temporary restrictions on hiring across the Secretariat did not allow for the recruitment of a video producer and webmaster.

These negative impacts are indeed unfortunate, especially for developing states that benefit from the UN POA. Like many developing states, the Philippines has participated in various activities of the UN Programme of Assistance, enabling us to strengthen capacities in international law and establish vital networks of contacts in the international law field.