

Mr. Chairman,

We are delighted to join other delegations in this topical discussion on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. Kenya aligns itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished Permanent Representative of Bolivia on behalf of the G77 and China and by the distinguished Permanent Representative of Senegal on behalf of the African Group.

Mr. Chairman,

We take note of the report of the Secretary-General contained in A/47/474 and also of the reports of the Chairman and the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. Through you we wish to commend the general efforts of the Chairman and the Secretary for their continued contribution over a long period with insurmountable odds.

While Kenya appreciates the efforts of those Member States who have made voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund, it has become increasingly clear that voluntary funding is not only unreliable, unsatisfactory and unpredictable, it is also insufficient. This is informed by the last minute cancellation of various Regional Courses and the uncertain future of the Audio Visual Library. No more than a cursory review of a more stable and pre-determined mode of funding is not only urgent or pressing but critical and is called

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In this regard we join those delegations that have called for a solution to this funding crisis. In our opinion the only way to do this is through the regular budget of the United Nations. For the avoidance of doubt, we fully support the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and call for the funding of the Programme of Assistance from the regular budget of the United Nations.

I thank you for your kind attention.