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ON AGENDA ITEM 82, ON THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN THE TEACHING, STUDY, DISSEMINATION AND WIDER APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, SIXTH COMMITTEE, 23 OCTOBER 2015

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1. Mr. Chairman, Singapore associates itself with the statement of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and of the Republic of South Africa on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. My delegation thanks the Secretary-General for his report on this agenda item, and for the tireless efforts of the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, that is responsible for the implementation of the Programme of Assistance.

2. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Programme of Assistance. It is a landmark year and an appropriate time for reflection on how far the Programme of Assistance has come, and on the challenges and opportunities that lie in its future.

3. Singapore attaches great importance to the promotion of international law. The

development of international law expertise is one of Singapore's national priorities. As a State
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The development of greater expertise and specialisation in the various aspects of international law will enable these younger talents to participate more effectively in helping to influence and shape the rapidly growing field of international laws, principles and norms.

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