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Chair,

1. The Sierra Leone delegation aligns this statement with the statement delivered by the distinguished representatives of the Republic of Uganda on behalf of the African Group, the Group of 77 & China, and the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

2. We thank the Secretary-General for his report A/79/496 on the agenda item "*United Nations Programme of*

3. We acknowledge the commendable work of the Office of Legal Affairs, and in particular the Codification Division and its committed staff, for the effective implementation of the Programme of Assistance in carrying the activities of the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law and the International Law Fellowship Programme, preparing and issuing publications, developing and maintaining the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law and the website of the Programme of Assistance. We also acknowledge the contribution of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea ("DOALOS").

4. We appreciate the Permanent Representative of Ghana, His Excellency Harold Adlai Agyeman, as Chair of the Advisory Committee, for his commitment and effective coordination of the Committee. We also thank the Committee members for their hard work and dedication.

We welcome the committee's recommendations and look forward to their implementation.

5. We continue to support and see merit in the objectives of the Programme of Assistance and urge strongly for the necessary and much-needed financial support required to carry out its programs and activities. We note and welcome the activities carried out in the year under review.

Chair,

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to navigate complex legal frameworks that govern international relations.

7. We, however, express concern over the lack of funds to ensure that the activities and programmes highlighted were carried out fully and successfully due to the UN's dire liquidity and financial situation and its significant impact on the full implementation of the Program activities this year.

8. We, therefore, note with appreciation that resources were provided for the implementation of the Programme of Assistance in the year under review and affirm our support to the Secretary-General's request for funding to be provided under the programme budget to undertake the activities specified in his report for the year 2025.

9. We thank the Member States and international organisations for their voluntary contributions, which have

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strengthens international peace and security, and
promotes friendly relations and cooperation.



Thank you.