

Statement by Mr. Solomon Korbieh (Ghana), Coordinator of the draft resolution on the “United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law” (under agenda item 78)

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/79/L.19 on behalf of the Bureau

Thank you, M. Chair.

Mr Chair,

Today I have the honour to introduce, on behalf of the Bureau, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/79/L.19, entitled “United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law.”

This draft resolution is based on General Assembly resolution 78/107 adopted on 7 December 2023, and includes necessary technical updates as well as some new text. My remarks this morning will highlight the main elements of the resolution.

As it was the case last year, operative paragraphs 2, 5, and 17 would authorize the Secretary-General in 2025 to (1) organize, conduct, and award fellowships for, the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law and the International Law Fellowship Programme (2) to maintain and further develop of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law and (3) to publish and disseminate legal texts and websites maintained by the Office of Legal Affairs

In operative paragraph 2(c), the General Assembly would continue to demonstrate its strong support for multilingualism in the work of the organization, by authorizing the continuation and further development of the Historic Archives of the Audiovisual Library in all the official languages of the United Nations.

The draft resolution would also authorize the Secretary-General to award of the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea in 2025, subject to the availability of funds from voluntary contributions in operative paragraph 7.

Mr. Chair,

Pursuant to operative paragraph 8, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to continue to include resources in the proposed programme budget for 2026 for the International Law Fellowship Programme, the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean and for the continuation and further development of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law. Moreover, pursuant to operative paragraph 3, the