

Mr. Chairman,

Allow me, at the outset, to associate my delegation with the statements made by Egypt on behalf of the African Group and Fiji on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

My delegation would like to express its sincere appreciation for the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law for the role it is playing in the efforts of the United Nations to promote a better knowledge of the concept of international law, since its establishment in 20 December 1965 pursuant to the General Assembly Resolution 2099 (XX). In this connection, we welcome the Secretary General's Report on the Programme of Assistance contained in document A/68/521. We note with appreciation that the report covers a wide ranging activities undertaken by the Codification Division and the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. We also wish to thank the chairman and secretary of the Advisory Committee, Ambassador KEN KANDA and Mrs. Virginia Morris, for the work well done by the Committee and the Division respectively during the current year.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation acknowledges that the scope of international law is expanding steadfastly along with the changing global realities. The interactions among nations, intergovernmental organizations, international nongovernmental organizations and non-state actors amplified the importance of international law, which is governing their relations and regulate other wide array of issues of great significance to the world community.

In fact, International law has been gradually developing in many ways and encompasses aspects of international life unlike the traditional scope of governing the relations between states only. Through the passage of time, individuals, groups and international organizations have become subjects of international law. It has also moved into new fields, inter alia, international trade, problems of environmental protection and human rights, state responsibility, settlement of disputes, state succession.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation firmly believes that the Programme

in updating itself with the progress and developments in the vast area of international law, but also to actively take part in all regional and international legal meetings to further promote the region's legitimate interests.

Thank You!