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Mr. Chairman,

The Non-Aligned Movement extends its appreciation to the members of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law isse9Law) 27 P ion Ne0

of the Office of Legal Affairs for their continued commitment and support to the programme and its success.

The Programme of Assistance, as a means for promoting friendly relations and co-operation among States, is considered to be one of the most important activities of the United Nations greatly contributing to the promotion of enhancing the knowledge of international law while establishing conditions enhancing respect to principles of the Charter of the United Nations. As an undeniable fact, the Programme of Assistance also plays an important role in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 16, especially regarding the promotion of the rule of law at the national and international levels. It would be remiss if we did not mention the valuable opportunity presented for participants in the 3 U R J U D P P H R I \$ V V L V W D Q FtHat \promote Rthe U V H V exchange of views, sharing of experiences and improvement of intercultural dialogue and understanding.

While placing emphasis on the strengthening of capacity building among all countries, especially within developing countries, the NAM

tools for disseminating international law and provide access in multiple languages to resources such as the United Nations Digital Library and the Yearbook of the United Nations.

In conclusion, the NAM reaffirms its commitment to the Programme of Assistance and urges all O H P E H U 6 W D W H V W R H Q V X U activities are well-funded through the regular budget and other voluntary contributions. It is essential to guarantee the continued funding for the