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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

V. Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

B. Consideration of the report of the Secretary-General by the Advisory Committee at its forty-ninth session

1. The forty-ninth session of the Advisory Committee, held on 8, 13 and 14 October, was chaired by the Permanent Representative of Ghana, Ken Kanda.
2. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, acted as Secretary of the Advisory Committee; Hanna Dreifeldt Lainé, Legal Officer, Codification Division, acted as Assistant Secretary.
3. The following members of the Committee were present on 8 October: Argentina, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Portugal, the Russian Federation, the Sudan and the United States of America. The Netherlands, Thailand and Uruguay attended the meeting as observers in their capacity as host countries for the training courses.
4. The following members of the Committee were present on 13 October: Argentina, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria,



Pakistan, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States. Costa Rica, the Netherlands, Thailand and Uruguay attended the meeting as observers in their capacity as host countries for the training courses.

5. The following members of the Committee were present on 14 October: Argentina, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, the Russian Federation, the Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States. Costa Rica, the Netherlands, Thailand and Uruguay attended the meeting as observers in their capacity as host countries for the training courses.

6. The Secretary of the Advisory Committee made a statement in which she reviewed the activities conducted in 2014 and the efforts made by the Secretariat to strengthen, revitalize and expand the Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law to continue to respond to the increasing demand for international law training and research materials in developing countries and developed countries. She also noted the continuing financial difficulties that prevented the implementation of some of the activities in 2014, including the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as desktop publishing for the legal publications referred to in paragraphs 41 and 42 of the previous report ([A/68/521](#)). She noted that none of the publications planned for 2014 had been issued following the discontinuation of desktop publishing. Finally, she noted the significant decline in voluntary contributions for the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law, which threatened the continuation of this activity in 2015.

7. The Advisory Committee noted with concern the continued insufficient funding for the Programme of Assistance, and as a result the cancellation of the Regional Courses in International Law for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean in 2014, and reiterated its conclusion that voluntary contributions have not proved to be a sustainable method for funding the activities under the Programme of Assistance and that, consequently, there was a need to provide more reliable funding for all its activities.

8. The Advisory Committee recalled paragraph 7 of resolution 66/97, paragraph 7 of resolution 67/91 and paragraph 7 of resolution 68/110 and noted with serious concern that those provisions have not been implemented.

9. The Advisory Committee therefore recommended that the General Assembly, in view of the above, be invited, under the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, to revisit the matter of funding for the Programme of Assistance, in particular the Regional Courses and the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law for the year 2015.

10. The Advisory Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to include additional resources under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the organization of the Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean each year, and for the continuation and further development of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law.

11. The Advisory Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to include in the regular budget, for the General Assembly's consideration, the necessary funding for the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea with effect from the biennium 2016-2017, should voluntary contributions be insufficient for granting at least one fellowship a year.

12. The Advisory Committee recommended that the General Assembly also request the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the provisions of the resolution to be adopted under this agenda item at its sixty-ninth session no later than in the main part of its seventieth session.
