

ILC's Report on its 17th session concerning the distribution of the Commission's documents. My Delegation was pleased to note that steps have already been taken by the Secretariat, as you, Mr. Chairman, mentioned at our meeting on September 29, to put the proposed measures into effect. We have also noted the suggestion, in paragraph 72 of the Report on the 17th session, with regard to the Seminar on International Law which was held earlier this past summer, that the General Assembly might wish to consider the possibility of granting fellowships to enable nationals of the developing countries to attend future seminars. Subject to the necessary financial approval, the establishment of a limited number of such fellowships seems most worthwhile. We also believe however that the total attendance at future seminars should remain limited, since, if they are to be of real benefit, it is necessary that they be small enough to enable fruitful interchange of views to take place between participants. The first Seminar was attended by only 16 students who were described in the Report as having had excellent qualifications. It would not, we consider, serve a useful purpose if the gathering became too large or the standard of qualification of attendance was allowed to fall.

8. In conclusion, I am glad to state that the Canadian Delegation will support the draft resolution tabled by Lebanon and Mexico and appreciates the initiative of the distinguished delegates of those countries in assisting the Committee by presenting us with this resolution.