

**Statement by Mr. Patrick Luna (Brazil), co-Coordinator of the draft
resolution on “Strengthening and promoting the international treaty framework”
(item 91)**

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/73/L.28 on behalf of the Bureau

Merci, Mr. le Président.

Aujourd'hui, j'ai l'honneur de présenter, au nom du Bureau, le projet de résolution contenu dans le document A/C.6 /73/L.28, intitulé «Renforcement et promotion du cadre institué par les traités internationaux». Mon collègue Luke Tang, de Singapour, et moi-même avons eu l'honneur de se voir confier la coordination des consultations sur ce projet de résolution.

Le projet de résolution sera la première décision de l'Assemblée générale au titre de cette nouvelle question inscrite à l'ordre du jour à la demande conjointe de l'Argentine, de l'Autriche, du Brésil, de l'Italie et de Singapour. C'est la première fois depuis 2009 qu'un point est ajouté à l'ordre du jour de la Sixième Commission à la demande des États Membres. L'initiative était motivée par le souhait de contribuer à la revitalisation des travaux de la Sixième Commission en produisant un résultat concret et utile. En tant que co-auteurs du point de l'ordre du jour, les coordinateurs se réjouissent de voir que cet objectif a été atteint.

Mr. Chairman,

The draft resolution is the product of several rounds of informal consultations – more than 20 hours overall – as well as bilateral contacts. It reflects the outcome of our detailed consideration of possible amendments to the 'Regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations', together with other overarching issues considered in the draft resolution itself. Its adoption will mark a historical achievement for the Committee, since the latest resolution amending these Regulations was adopted 40 years ago, in 1978.

The draft resolution contains 12 preambular paragraphs, 13 operative paragraphs and one annex. In the interest of time, I will focus my remarks on its key provisions.

Through the proposed resolution, the Assembly would, among other things, recall Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations, reaffirm the importance of the registration and publication of treaties, as well as of their accessibility, and stress that the Regulations to give effect to Article 102 should be useful and relevant to Member States and should be kept updated. Referring to the number of treaties submitted for registration over the past years, the proposed resolution would note that there is currently a significant backlog in the publication of the United Nations Treaty Series

due to growing delays in the translation of treaties related, *inter alia*, to the limited resources available. The Assembly would amend the Regulations as per the annex to the resolution and would request the Secretary-General to provide a report at the seventy-fifth session, with information on practice and possible options to further review them, taking into account outstanding issues identified by Member States.

As stated before, the annex of the draft resolution contains an updated text of the Regulations, which would apply as from 1 February 2019 - coincidentally, the year that also marks the 100th anniversary of the very idea of registration of treaties. The updated text of the Regulations would be more closely aligned to the modern law of treaties, as codified by the Vienna Convention, including by recognizing role of the depositary in Articles 1 and 7. The text would also codify the established practice of the Secretariat relating to the documentation to be presented for registration, *inter alia* in Article 5, which not only harmonizes the Regulations with practice, but also clarifies for States the documentation required in the process of registration. The revised regulations also take into account the important role of information and communications technology in the registration and publication of treaties, which can enhance the efficiency of the process, and has also rendered certain practices obsolete. These include an updated Article 13, which eliminated the practice of publishing a "monthly statement" by the Secretariat, a practice that is no longer necessary with the advent of the internet.

Señor Presidente,

Antes de concluir, deseo aprovechar esta oportunidad, en mi nombre y de mi colega, Luke Tang de Singapur, para agradecer sinceramente a las delegaciones por su compromiso constructivo, así como por su paciencia, durante las muchas horas de nuestras fructíferas negociaciones. También deseamos expresar nuestro profundo agradecimiento a nuestros colegas de la Secretaría, tanto de la Sección de Tratados como de la División de Codificación, por su apoyo constante durante las últimas semanas. Esto concluye mi introducción del proyecto de resolución A/C.6 /73/L.28 y lo recomiendo a la Sexta Comisión para su aprobación sin votación.

Muchas gracias, Señor Presidente.