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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF CUBA ON ITEM 90 “STRENGTHENING AND
PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL TREATY FRAMEWORK”**

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Mr. Chairman,

Treaties are the main source of international law and the cornerstone of international relations based on regulations. They are also a more direct and formal method for the making of international law. The United Nations system has played a significant role to guarantee the transparency of treaties concluded by its Member States.

International treaties are an important tool in international relations and the maintenance of international peace and security, as well as the strengthening of the rule of law at the international level. The United Nations organs and particularly the

Sixth Committee play an essential role in strengthening and promoting the international treaty framework.

Mr. Chairman,

We take note of report *A/75/136* of the Secretary-General on the review of the regulations to give effect to Article 102.

Cuba supports the work carried out by the Treaty Section and the assistance it provides to Member States, in particular through capacity building, development of publications and technical assistance. In this regard, we highlight the importance of the workshops organized by the Treaty Section and we urge them to continue developing them.

Mr. Chairman,

Cuba considers that the use of electronic resources can contribute to overcoming the current deficiencies in the treaty publication system. Practices for the

publication of treaties could be modernized, while balancing requests to reduce backlog in the publication of the Treaty Series with the need to respect multilingualism as a core value of the Organization.

In this respect, we believe it would be appropriate to continue to work on updating current regulations on the registration of treaties, in order to incorporate the most recent technological advances and practices in this regard.

Promoting multilingualism implies the active participation and commitment of all the parties concerned, which is why we consider it vital to ensure parity among the six official languages.

An appropriate approach to this matter could also be used to promote improvements in the system of registration and publication of treaties, in order to

adopt possible options that ensure that the publication of treaties is more functional in terms of costs and time.

Registration and publication of treaties in any of the six official languages, with translation of the treaties into any of those languages, would contribute to the efforts of the Organization to promote multilingualism, while saving resources for the United Nations and Member States.

Thank you.