

EGYPT



مصر

The Permanent Mission of Egypt
to the United Nations
New York

بعثة مصر الدائمة
لدى الامم المتحدة
نيويورك

**United Nations General Assembly
Sixth Committee (75th Session)**

**اللجنة السادسة للجمعية العامة للأمم المتحدة
(الدورة 75)**

Statement on Agenda Item 90:

بيان حول البند 90:

**“Strengthening and promoting the
international treaty framework”**

**“تعزيز الإطار التعاھدى الدولي وتدعيمه
”**

Dr. Ahmed Abdelaziz

د/ أحمد عبد العزيز

First Secretary (Legal Advisor)

سكرتير أول (مستشار قانوني)

15 October 2020

15 أكتوبر 2020

Check against delivery

يُرجى المراجعة عند الإلقاء

EGYPT



مصر

The Permanent Mission of Egypt
to the United Nations
New York

بعثة مصر الدائمة
لدى الأمم المتحدة
نيويورك

Mr. Chair,

Egypt takes note of the Secretary General's report included in document A/75/136 entitled "Review of the regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations".

The report captures some important developments in the practice of the registration function of the UN Secretariat pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter. Of particular interest to us is the increased use of electronic submissions of certifying statements recently, since around 80 per cent of Member States' submissions during the period from February 2019 to June 2020 were in electronic format. The Covid-19 pandemic has manifested how important this tool could be. Therefore, Egypt supports any ideas to develop this tool, including discussing an on-line registration tool.

On the issue of extended backlogs in registration and publication of treaties owing to translation, Egypt is of the view that multilingualism should be upheld with the Secretariat carrying out the necessary translations of treaties as per the current practice. However, we believe that innovative solutions that guarantee functionality, uphold multilingualism and not overburden Member States, are indeed possible.

The Secretary General's report has also clearly exposed the geographical imbalance in treaty registration, where developing countries are in the minority. We believe this is primarily attributed to lack of capacity in many developing and least developed countries. Hence, we reiterate the importance of enhancing the capacity building activities performed by the Secretariat, in a manner that allows for more workshops and training programs for developing countries on national and regional levels.

EGYPT



مصر

The Permanent Mission of Egypt
to the United Nations
New York

بعثة مصر الدائمة
لدى الامم المتحدة
نيويورك

Mr. Chair,

As we continue to refine the regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations, responding to the evolving challenges and modernizing our working methods, it remains of paramount importance that the UN Secretariat fully complies with the relevant General Assembly resolution annexing the applicable regulations giving effect to Article 102.

It is very unfortunate that during the reporting cycle, the Secretariat registered a Memorandum of Understanding that clearly failed to fulfill the registration requirements stipulated in the regulations annexed to General Assembly resolution 73/210. Although this particular MoU had evidently not entered into force pursuant to Article 1 paragraph 2 of the regulations, the Secretariat proceeded anyway with its registration. This occurred despite that this particular legal situation was elaborately brought to the attention of the Secretariat on numerous occasions. The president of the legislative body in the country concerned, which is legally responsible for endorsing international agreements and enabling their entry into force, sent a letter to the Secretariat clearly indicating that the MoU has not been endorsed.

We seize this opportunity, Mr. Chair, to call upon the UN Secretariat to fully abide by regulations giving effect to Article 102 of the Charter as devised by Member States and embodied in relevant General Assembly resolutions.

Thank you Mr. Chair.