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Sixth Committee

“Agenda Item 90: Strengthening and Promoting the International Treaty Framework”

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Mr. /Madam President,

Thank you for giving me the floor.

My government welcomes the ongoing work of this Committee on the international treaty framework and review of the Regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands supports the promotion, development and strengthening of international law and the rule of law.

With its broad experience as a depositary of over 100 treaties, it attaches great importance to the role of depositaries.

Therefore, it welcomes in particular the explicit recognition of the role of depositaries in article 1 of the Regulations, and the Secretary-General's recommendation to further gather and exchange views on the practice of depositaries.

Such exchange of views could be a continuation of earlier discussions on treaty practice in general, and provide opportunity to further strengthen the international depositary practice.

In light of the restraints imposed by the current global health situation, my government would like to emphasize the importance of a practical approach towards the use of digital and electronic resources.

In this regard, as my government has expressed before, it would also welcome the development of an online registration tool to facilitate the submission of treaties for registration, as to simplify and streamline such procedures and enlarge their efficiency and accessibility.

My delegation continues to follow developments with great interest.

I thank you Mr./Madam President