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**Statement by the Director of the Codification Division on the
*Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs***

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Madam Chair,
Distinguished Delegates,

In the interest of time, I will deliver an abbreviated statement, considering that the outlined developments relating to the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* are accessible in further details in part II of the Secretary-General's report under consideration ([A/76/223](#) of 23 July 2021). A copy of this statement is available, in English and French, on the website of the Sixth Committee.

I would like to draw your attention to the following two developments:

First, with regard to the new studies in preparation:

Supplement No. 10 (2000-2009):

- Bearing in mind the call made upon the Secretary-General to address, effectively and on a priority basis, the backlog in the preparation of volume III of the Repertory, the Korea University undertook research and drafting of studies on Articles 43 to 47 of the Charter for volume III of Supplement No. 10 (2000–2009);
- In addition, a study on Articles 104 and 105 of the Charter, to be included in volume IV of Supplement No. 10, was completed by the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa.

Supplement No. 11 (2010-2015):

- With the assistance of the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa, research and drafting were completed in relation to a study on Article 11 for volume II, which is currently under review by its author department, the Office for Disarmament Affairs;
- A study on Articles 104 and 105 is also under review by the Office of the Legal Counsel in the Office of Legal Affairs;

- In addition, further to the completion of a study on Article 58 for volume IV by a consultant financed from the trust fund for the elimination of the backlog in the *Repertory*, we have been informed that the Department of Economic and Social Affairs has completed its review and have now received the finalized study which we will shortly post on the *Repertory* website;

Supplement No. 12 (2016-2020):

- Turning now to Supplement No. 12 (2016–2020), owing to the continued assistance of the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa, research and drafting were also completed in relation to three studies, as follows: a study on Article 8 for volume I and two studies for volume III, one on Article 33 and one on Article 51.

Secondly, with regard to the participation of institutions in the drafting of studies for the *Repertory*, and the publication of electronic volumes:

- I would first like to express my gratitude to the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, for its continued and valuable support;

- I am also pleased that the Korea University is working towards making a contribution to the preparation of studies;
- The assistance extended by these academic institutions is indeed particularly useful and appreciated;
- Further, during the period under review, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management published two volumes in electronic format: volume II in French for Supplement No. 7 (1985–1988) and volume VI in English and French for Supplement No. 8 (1989–1994).
- **Finally, I wish to take this opportunity to inform you that:**
 - (i) Further to the General Assembly’s appeal for States to consider sponsoring Associate Experts to work on the *Repertory*, relayed to all delegations by a Note Verbale of 19 January 2021, two delegations – one from the Asia-Pacific region [the Philippines], and one from the Latin and Caribbean region [Haiti] – have requested information on the program;

- (ii) I would also call upon delegations to contribute to the Trust Fund for the *Repertory* – in this regard, as at 30 September 2021, the Fund’s available balance was \$95,101.36. This amount includes the generous contributions from Qatar and the Philippines made since July 2020;
- (iii) I would finally renew my appeal to delegations to raise the interest of academic institutions in their countries or regions to participate in the preparation of studies for the *Repertory*. As I have previously underlined, geographical diversity is very important in this context.

Thank you for your attention, Madam Chair.
