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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/Mr 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/78/296](#) of 8 August 2023). A copy of this statement is available on the website of the Sixth Committee.

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

First, with regard to the new studies in preparation:

- 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 Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, acting as coordinator for the preparation of the publication, maintained regular contact with the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa and Korea University up to 31 December 2022, when the cooperation end;
- During the period under review, new studies were prepared as follows:
 - **The Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa** has completed the research and drafting of studies pertaining to Supplement No. 11 (2010-2015) and Supplement No. 12 (2016-2020):
 - One study on Article 15 for volume II and two studies for volume III, one on Article 24 and one on Article 25, for Supplement No. 11; and
 - One study on Article 15 for volume II, four studies on Articles 36, 40, 42 and 54 for volume III, as well as one study on Article 92 and one study on Article 99 for volume VI of Supplement No. 12.

- **Three consultants**, financed from the trust fund for the elimination of the backlog in the *Repertory* in 2022/23 have completed the research and drafting of four studies: one on Article 19 and one on Article 103 for volume VI for Supplement No. 11, as well as one on Article 13 (1) (a) (second part of the sentence) and one on Article 103 for Supplement No. 12. These studies have either been submitted to their author department, the Office of Legal Affairs, and an advance copy thereof has been posted on the *Repertory* website or are in the process of being reviewed by that department (study on Article 13 (1) (a)).
- Lastly, one study on Articles 104 and 105 for Supplement 11 remains **under review** by its author department, the Office of Legal Affairs.

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 renew my gratitude to the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, for its continued and valuable support;

- I also thank Korea University's for the steps taken in the past years with a view to making a contribution to the preparation of studies;
- As mentioned in the Secretary-General's report, no volumes were published by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management during the period under review.

- **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 9 December 2022, one delegation from the African region has requested information on the program;
 - (ii) I would also call upon delegations to contribute to the Trust Fund for the *Repertory*, in relation to which no contribution was received during the period under review. The available balance of the fund as at 30 June 2023, further to the disbursement of funds for the three consultants recruited in 2022, is thus **\$78,364**. This amount is exclusive of the subsequent generous contribution of

\$5,000 made by the Philippines, which is welcome with appreciation.

- (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/Mr Chair.
