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Concerning the backlog in the preparation of _____ of
of the *Repertory*, the Codification Division of the

still under preparation by the responsible author department, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

As you may have seen, the report also records that, in April 2020, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs selected a consultant, to be financed from the trust fund for the elimination of the backlog in the *Repertory*, to undertake the research and drafting of a study on Article 58 for volume IV. This work is now nearing completion.

Starting in June 2020, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs also took preliminary steps towards selecting a consultant to prepare a study on Article 11 for volume II.

Mr. / Madam Chair,
Distinguished Delegates,

You will recall that the preparation of *Repertory* studies lies with a broad range of units bearing primary responsibility for that purpose, as set out in Annex I of the Secretary-General's report.

Turning to the contacts that the Codification Division, in its capacity as coordinator of the *Repertory*, had with these various units, the report records that a meeting was held with representatives of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs in September 2019 for the purpose of presenting the publication and providing guidance and information on the preparation of studies.

Information in that regard was also conveyed to representatives of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in June 2020.

Furthermore, a consultation process with all units listed in Annex I of the report took place in June 2020 regarding the time frame for the next

(considering that work has not yet began on Supplement No. 12): 36 volumes have been published and 8 have been finalized and submitted for translation and editing. Work accordingly remains to be completed on 13 volumes, 6 of which pertain to Supplement No. 11 (2010–2015) and 4 to Supplement No. 10 (2000–2009), which are at different stages of preparation. The other three volumes on which work remains to be completed correspo

that may be interested in contributing to the preparation of studies, consistent with paragraph 12 of resolution 74/190. In the past three years, the Codification Division had preliminary contacts with four universities: two in the Asia Pacific region, one in the Latin America and Caribbean region and one in the Western European and other States region.

The Codification Division also continued to invite academic institutions to which Members of the International Law Commission are affiliated to consider contributing to the preparation of studies.

I would indeed like to seize this opportunity to renew my call for delegations to express an interest in contributing to the preparation of *Repertory* studies, through the involvement of their national academic institutions.

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constraints imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Secretariat will also continue to explore ways to expand its cooperation with academic institutions in the preparation of *Repertory* studies, mainly in the fields of research and collection of documentation, while bearing the ultimate responsibility for the quality and the final preparation of all studies.

With regard to funding, in paragraph 15 of its resolution 74/190, the General Assembly reiterated its call for voluntary contributions to the trust fund established pursuant to its resolution 59/44, in order to eliminate the backlog in the *Repertory*. In that regard, the Codification Division sent a note verbale dated 7 January 2020 to all permanent missions to the United Nations, reminding them of the possibility of making voluntary contributions to the trust fund and inviting them to bring the question of funding for the *Repertory* to the attention of private institutions and individuals that might wish to assist in this regard.

During the period under review in his annual report (1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020), the Secretary-General welcomed with appreciation the contributions to the trust fund received from Cyprus (\$2,220) and Qatar (\$10,000). The fund balance, as at 30 September 2020, was \$79,668.

As mentioned earlier, during the reporting period, one consultant financed through the trust fund completed the preparation of a study on

