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**“Strengthening and promoting the
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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.

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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.

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