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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 I 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 address, effectively and on a priority basis, the backlog in the preparation of volume III of the Repertory of 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 ended;
- 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. 1 to the 1978 Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the 1982 Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

Three consultants, financed from the trust fund for the elimination of the backlog in the Repertory 2022/23 have completed the research and drafting of four studies: on Article 19 and one on Article 103 for volume ~~for~~ Supplement No. 11, as well as one on Article 13 (a) (second part of the sentence) and one on Article ~~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 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 Supplement 11 remains under review by its author department, the Office of Legal Affairs. oe

- 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 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 funds 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.

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