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Statement Proposal Strengthening Treaty Framework
STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE EL SALVADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES (CELAC)

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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the 33 Member States of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) - two of which were among the co-proponents of the current agenda item.

The inclusion of the item "Strengthening and promoting the international treaty framework" in the agenda of the Sixth Committee contributes to the revitalization of its work. We welcome the opportunity to have a dedicated discussion on the review of the regulations to register treaties under Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations, which were first adopted by the General Assembly in 1946, and last amended in 1978.

We recall that last year the General Assembly stated that the regulations should be kept "useful and relevant" to Member States.

As noted by the Secretary-General in his report on this issue last year, there is a geographical imbalance in the registration of treaties. Simplifying the procedure for registering treaties and increasing the use of electronic resources could go a long way in overcoming the current shortcomings. The practices for the publication of treaties could also be modernized, including those pertaining to the dissemination of information on registered treaties, while balancing the calls for the reduction of the current backlog with the need to respect multilingualism, as a core value of the Organization.



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In fact, as stated by the General Assembly, promoting multilingualism entails the active involvement and commitment of all stakeholders and therefore our countries reiterate the request to the Secretary-General to redouble his efforts to ensure full parity among the six official languages.

CELAC countries pledge to work constructively during the informal consultations under this item in order to conclude the long-overdue review of the regulations still during this session. The Sixth Committee should not miss the opportunity to achieve this outcome.

Lastly, we are open to discuss other treaty-related issues that could be addressed under this agenda item in future sessions, such as the role of the Secretary-General as a depositary of multilateral treaties.

Thank you.