



**Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States**

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Mr Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

The Candidate Countries Montenegro\*, Serbia\* and Albania\*, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as the Republic of Moldova, align themselves with this statement.

Like the UN Charter, the Treaty on European Union establishes the promotion and strengthening of the rule of law both as a founding principle of the European Union and as a key objective for the Union's external action. In particular, the Treaty on European Union provides that the EU contributes to the strict observance and the development of international law.

The Union is a contracting party to a significant number of international agreements, bilateral, regional and multilateral. In this regard, the European Union, together with its Member States, has shaped treaty law and practice in a significant manner.

For these reasons, the European Union and its Member States highlight the importance of this agenda item. The Regulations that underpin Article 102 of the Charter have an important purpose in reaffirming and promoting the appropriate registration and publication of treaties and international agreements.

A review to update the current Regulations to:

- reflect the evolution of practice and modern technological developments;
- clarify and simplify the procedural requirements for registration,
- facilitate further use of electronic resources in the process

is welcome. Such a review would also be a tool to help improve appropriate dissemination of information on registered treaties and international agreements.

Through thorough discussion and exchange of best practices, such a review could lead to greater efficiency in the publication of the UN Treaty Series and enhance transparency. The review could also enable identification of areas where a better use of resources could be secured.

It would, moreover, reinforce the usefulness of the Regulations for all parties to treaties and international agreements and better meet their needs, with the result of a broader implementation of Article 102 of the Charter.

For the European Union and its Member States, the review of the Regulations is timely. This would be yet another step in support of the international legal order and the rule of law.

I thank you.