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Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

At the outset, my delegation would like to express our appreciation to the Secretariat for the Secretary-General's report on "Review of the regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations" in document A/75/136.

My delegation believes that the clarified and simplified procedures for the registration and publication of treaties play an important role in strengthening the international treaty framework. We note that updating the regulations concerning Article 102 of the Charter to reflect modern practices and technological developments in the seventy-third session was very timely and contributed to enhancing the efficiency and coherence of the procedure. In particular, we welcome the amendment to the regulations concerning the use of electronic submissions, which made the registration process more transparent and accessible to Member States. With this in mind, we look forward to the discussions exploring ways to streamline the process even further. However, we would like to emphasize that potential additional amendments to the regulations need to be based on careful and thorough consultations among Member States.

With respect to the publication policy on the translation of treaties, we would like to express our concerns about the growing backlog in the publication of treaties in the *Treaty Series*, partially due to the limited resources and capacity of Member States and the Secretariat to provide translations in English and French in a timely manner. Without undermining the importance of multilingualism in the work of the United Nations, Member States need to actively engage in finding an effective solution to ensure the swift publication of treaties pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter. We would, however, like to note that this effort should not result in creating new obligations for Member States and international organizations regarding the responsibility of

translating treaties.

Finally, we would like to commend the Treaty Section's technical assistance and capacity-building support to Member States in order for them to meet their obligations under Article 102. We believe that these efforts are critical to address the issue of geographical imbalance regarding the registration of treaties and to increase inclusivity and accessibility for all Member States.

I thank you, Mr. Chairperson. /END/