



Explanation of Position (EOP)

Agenda Item 90:

“Strengthening and promoting the international treaty framework”

Mr. Chair,

Egypt has joined consensus on the draft resolution presented under agenda item 90, despite the unfortunate lack of flexibility displayed by some delegations during the informal consultations.

In the course of the consultations, Egypt proposed to introduce a succinct operative paragraph that merely emphasized the importance of carrying out the registration of treaties in accordance with the regulations giving effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. The proposal aimed primarily at filling a gap that was apparent to this delegation in the resolution and to reiterate the importance of abiding by the regulations. Although the overwhelming majority of delegations did not object to the proposal, and some have expressed their support to it, for which we are thankful, a few delegations adopted an unjustifiable uncompromising approach by insisting on rejecting the proposal, while failing to make any objective arguments or even attempt to work constructively on the text. Instead, some insisted on falsely characterizing the purpose of the proposal, in a manner that is not even supported by the text.

While the reasons for such a subjective approach are self-evident, it remains very unfortunate that it came at the expense of a proposal simply aiming at ensuring the rule of law, which is the *raison d’etre* of this committee.

Thank you Mr. Chair.