

STATEMENT

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Madam Chair,

Thank you for giving us the floor to speak on this agenda item. My delegation commends the Secretary-General for his report contained in document A/75/136 and relevant United Nations agencies for the efforts made since the introduction of this agenda item. We also commend the Secretariat for its efforts in ensuring that treaty registration and publication of the United Nations treaty series remains inclusive, transparent, and accessible to all.

2. Since the introduction of the item to the agenda of the General Assembly in 2018, to review the regulations guiding article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations, Member States have engaged with one other to exchange technical views and share best practices on treaty making processes.

3. My delegation welcomes the amendments to articles 5,7, 9 and 13 to facilitate electronic submission. While we acknowledge the fact that Member States have divergence views on the different aspects of treaty registration and publication, Nigeria would like to urge States to consider the possibility of introducing electronic online registration of treaties.

Madam Chair,

4. On the role of depositaries, an in-depth discussion among States is crucial. The registration of treaties should be encouraged in accordance with article 77 of the Vienna convention on the law of Treaties.

5. While we welcome the publication policy on the translation of treaties, my delegation is also mindful of the importance of multilingualism in the work of

the United Nations. At the same time, let us be mindful not to create new obligation for Member States. Simplified procedures for the registration and publication are key to finding a long-term solution to addressing the issue of backlog.

6. As indicated in the Secretary-General's report, treaty registration trends and patterns are geographically imbalanced, as well as the number of treaties submitted for registration by Member States from different regional groups varied significantly. Such a wide geographical disparity could be caused by lack of sufficient access to resources for the submission of treaties for registration.

Madam Chair,

7. Nigeria restates the importance of technical assistance especially to developing States to enable

such countries meet their international law obligations efficiently and effectively. We appreciate initiatives such as the regional course in International Law for Africa which was held in Addis Ababa in 2019 and the International Law Fellowship Programme, that took place at the Hague also, in 2019. We welcome more of these opportunities for our judicial and justice institutions to continue to progress.

Madam Chair,

8. In conclusion, Nigeria reiterates its support to the United Nations Treaty section in its efforts toward the strengthening of the review process of the UN treaty framework, as technology advances.

9. I thank you for your attention.