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**Statement by the Director of the Codification Division on the
*Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs***

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Madam/Mr Chair,
Distinguished Delegates,

In the interest of time, I will deliver an abbreviated statement, considering that the outlined developments relating to the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* are accessible in further details in part II of the Secretary-General's report under consideration ([A/77/303](#) of 18 August 2022). A copy of this statement is available, in English and French, on the website of the Sixth Committee.

I would like to draw your attention to the following three developments:

First, with regard to the new studies in preparation:

Supplement No. 10 (2000-2009):

- Bearing in mind the call made upon the Secretary-General to address, effectively and on a priority basis, the backlog in the preparation of volume III of the *Repertory*, Korea University has completed its research and is continuing the drafting of its studies on Articles 43 to 47 of the Charter for volume III of Supplement No. 10 (2000–2009);

Supplement No. 11 (2010-2015):

- Progress has also been made in relation to Supplement No. 11 (2010–2015), whereby a study on Article 11 for volume II, previously prepared with the assistance of the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa, has been reviewed and finalized by its author department, the Office for Disarmament Affairs.
- In addition, a study on Article 58 for volume IV, prepared by a consultant and financed in 2020/21 from the trust fund for the elimination of the backlog in the *Repertory*, was reviewed and finalized by the author department, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Both studies have been posted on the *Repertory* website.

- Furthermore, a study on Articles 104 and 105 remains under review by the Office of the Legal Counsel in the Office of Legal Affairs.

Supplement No. 12 (2016-2020):

- Turning now to Supplement No. 12 (2016–2020), owing to the continued assistance of the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa, research and drafting were also completed in relation to 13 studies, as follows: studies on Articles 2 (4) and (7) for volume I; studies on Articles 12 and 14 for volume II; studies on Articles 27, 34, 35, 39, 41, 50, 52 and 53 for volume III and a study on Article 96 for volume VI.

Recruitment of three consultants

- In addition to the above, I am also pleased to inform you that, in the past months, we recruited three consultants entrusted with the drafting of the following four studies to be financed in 2022/23 from the trust fund for the elimination of the backlog in the *Repertory*:
 - One on Article 19 for Supplement 11;
 - Two on Article 103 for Supplements 11 and 12; and
 - One on Article 13 (1) (a) (second part of the sentence).

Secondly, with regard to the participation of institutions in the drafting of studies for the *Repertory*, and the publication of electronic volumes:

- I would first like to renew my gratitude to the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, for its continued and valuable support;
- I also appreciate that Korea University continues to work towards making a contribution to the preparation of studies;
- The assistance extended by these academic institutions is, as always, particularly useful;
- Further, during the period under review, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management published one volume in electronic format: volume IV in English and Spanish for Supplement No. 9 (1995–1999).
- **Finally, I wish to take this opportunity to inform you that:**
 - (i) Further to the General Assembly's appeal for States to consider sponsoring Associate Experts to work on the *Repertory*, relayed to all delegations by a Note Verbale of

10 January 2022, two delegations, one from the Asia-Pacific region and one from the Latin American and Caribbean region have requested information on the program;

- (ii) I would also call upon delegations to contribute to the Trust Fund for the *Repertory* – in this regard, in addition to the generous contribution made by the Philippines reflected in the annual report, the Secretary-General welcomed with appreciation a contribution from Ireland in September. The current available balance of the fund, inclusive of that contribution and the commitments for the three consultants recruited earlier this year is **\$ 84,769**;
- (iii) I would finally renew my appeal to delegations to raise the interest of academic institutions in their countries or regions to participate in the preparation of studies for the *Repertory*. As I have previously underlined, geographical diversity is very important in this context.

Thank you for your attention, Madam/Mr Chair.
