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**SIXTH COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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**Briefing by the Chief of the Security Council Practices and Charter Research
Branch/Security Council Affairs Division/Department of Political and
Peacebuilding Affairs, on the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security
Council***

Esteemed Chair, distinguished delegates,

1. I am most grateful for this opportunity to provide the delegates of the Sixth Committee with an update on the status of the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* and related activities further to the Report of the Secretary-General (A/79/188) of 19 July 2024. In my remarks today, I will focus on the preparation and publication of the Repertoire, our latest innovation tools on the practice of the Council, and the status of the Trust Fund.
2. Since our last briefing to the Committee on 19 October 2023, the Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch of the Security Council Affairs Division has maintained course in the preparation of the Repertoire in accordance with the set schedule. Our focus has been on the completion of the 26th Supplement and beginning the preparation of the 27th Supplement, respectively covering the years 2023 and 2024.

3. As of today, seven of the ten parts of the 26th Supplement of the Repertoire have been completed and are available on the Council's website, with the remaining three chapters (Parts I, VI and VII) scheduled to be completed by the end of November. The Branch completed this work, despite the staffing shortages which we continued to face during the reporting period. The work on the 27th Supplement is well underway, and our aim remains to begin uploading the advance versions during the second quarter of 2025, with a view to having the full publication available online by October 2025.

4. The editing and translation of prior editions of the Repertoire has also maintained the scheduled course. The final (edited) version of the 25th Supplement, covering the year 2022, was released in October 2024. Hard copies of the 2022 volume have been distributed to all Permanent Missions and are also available for delegates in the chamber today. Repertoire editions covering the period from 1989 to 2021 are now available online in all six official languages and we expect the translation of the 2022 volume to be completed in the second quarter of 2025.

5. **Esteemed Chair, distinguished delegates,** the Branch has continued to prioritize the use of innovation and technology as a means of presenting the information available on the Council and finding ways of enhancing our data collection and analysis. We currently maintain and regularly update over 20 online dashboards and datasets on the practice of the Council.

6. At the beginning of 2024, we released the latest edition of the annual *Highlights of Security Council Practice* covering the year 2023. The preparation of the 2024 edition of the highlights tool is well underway for release early next year. We also continued to regularly issue the UN Security Council in Review online newsletter at the beginning of each month, providing a concise snapshot of the latest substantive and procedural developments in the Council immediately following the conclusion of each presidency.
7. In June 2024, with the support of the Permanent Mission of Norway and in collaboration with the Policy and Mediation Division of the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA), the Charter Research Branch launched a new online dashboard on the Council's practice on climate and peace and security. The new dashboard is located on DPPA's Peace and Security Datahub website and provides users with visual analysis and data on the Council's meetings and decisions which have addressed the topic of climate and peace and security since the first open debate on the subject was held in the Council in 2007.
8. In July 2024, the Security Council Affairs Division also launched a new, modernized website of the Security Council, which has made the Repertoire and the various information products on the Council's practice more visible, accessible and user-friendly.
9. In addition to our work on innovation, the Branch continued to enhance its advisory role vis-à-vis Member States by conducting research to respond to their inquiries and taking part in capacity-building programmes, with a

particular focus on providing incoming elected members with an overview of the practices and working methods of the Council and relevant resources that are available online.

10. **Esteemed Chair, distinguished delegates**, the consolidation of a predictable annual schedule for the publication of the *Repertoire*, while maintaining the highest levels of quality, would not have been possible without the support of Member States. Voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the Updating of the *Repertoire* have enabled the Branch to hire temporary staff to assist in the research and drafting of the publication, as well as editorial and IT experts to improve efficiency in its preparation. Last week the Branch launched an interactive dashboard, providing an overview of Member State contributions to the Trust Fund since its establishment in 1999 and their support to the Branch through the provision of associate experts. We invite you to visit the dashboard on the Council's website.
11. Notwithstanding the generous contributions from Member States, the levels of funding for the Trust Fund have unfortunately not met envisaged targets in recent years to help us develop a long-term strategy to maintain the schedule of the *Repertoire* and avoid backlog. Since launching our annual appeal campaigns in 2021, the Trust Fund has received, on average, less than 35 per cent of the requested amount per year. For this year's appeal, only 20 per cent were funded thus far.
12. With a view to improving the situation and as a means of complementing the efforts with regard to the annual appeal, on 18 October, the

Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs circulated notes verbales to all Member States, recalling the possibility of supporting our work on raising awareness of the increasingly complex practice of the Council by contributing to the Trust Fund.

13. **Esteemed Chair, distinguished delegates**, before closing, I would like to kindly remind delegates to attend the information session on the Repertoire and online resources which will be held on Thursday, 7 November at 1:30pm in Conference Room E. We hope to provide delegates with a closer look at what information on the constitutional and procedural practice of the Council is available to them and to hear your feedback.
14. The Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch remains at the disposal of Member States to provide insight and feedback on all aspects of the current and past practice of the Council and to respond to any questions that you may have.
15. Thank you.