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**INTERVENTION OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF ANDORRA ON THE OCCASION OF
THE DEBATE ON AGENDA ITEM 87: STRENGTHENING AND PROMOTING THE
INTERNATIONAL TREATY FRAMEWORK**

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Thank you Mr. Chair,

The international treaty framework is a crucial foundation of multilateral cooperation. Treaties and conventions highlight our shared commitment to peace, justice, and accountability. Yet, as global challenges evolve, so must the legal structures that guide and protect the international community.

Andorra values the Committee's work towards strengthening the international treaty framework to ensure that it reflects today's realities and continues to serve as an instrument for cooperation among states. In a world that sees a continual rise in new forms of conflict, technologies, and humanitarian needs, the adaptability of treaties is essential to ensure that no community or individual is left unprotected or at risk.

Andorra also recognizes multilingualism as necessary to uphold international law. As a multilingual country, we see this as a foundation for inclusion, transparency, and accessibility. In accordance with General Assembly Resolution 78/236, which reaffirms multilingualism as an essential element of the international treaty framework, we believe that all states, regardless of their spoken language, should be able to fully participate in treaty negotiations. Promoting multilingualism ensures a true sense of unity and shared responsibility in the creation of international agreements.

Resolution 78/236 also underlines the importance of technology and accessibility in strengthening the international treaty framework. Andorra values the ongoing efforts to expand electronic access through the United Nations Treaty Collection. The continued development of the electronic treaty database and the use of online tools are vital to make treaty participation more transparent and efficient for all Member States.

Mr. Chair,

While accessibility is key, we must also strengthen the substance of these instruments. The distinction between binding and non-binding agreements remains a crucial aspect of this agenda item. While non-binding resolutions have played an important role in shaping international agreements, it is only through binding conventions that we can ensure real accountability, prevention, and protection.

For instance, in the context of children and armed conflict, despite numerous commitments and resolutions, the absence of a binding convention has left many children vulnerable to recruitment and violence. This highlights the need for mechanisms such as the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity, which would provide stronger legal protection for vulnerable populations.

As we continue our discussion, Andorra would like to emphasize the importance of the participation of civil society, whose expertise and experience are essential for building an international treaty framework that is both effective and inclusive. To achieve this, we must improve coordination between treaty bodies, Member States, and civil society, reducing the divide across international law.

In closing Mr. Chair, this 80th session provides an opportunity for us to reaffirm our commitment to General Assembly Resolution 78/236 and continue working towards a universally accessible international treaty framework. As we look ahead, we must renew our commitment to multilingualism and inclusivity, and collectively move toward a system of international law that protects the most vulnerable and upholds the universal values that bring us together.

I thank you.