

**Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and
on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization**

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

18 February 2021

Mr. Chair,

The purpose of my presentation is to bring to your attention the notable developments relating to the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* since the last report of the Secretary-General (A/75/145 of 24 July 2020) and the statement I delivered last fall during the 75th (seventy-fifth) session of the Sixth Committee.

A copy of this statement is available, in English and French, on the website of the Special Committee on the Charter.

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

First, with regard to the new studies in preparation:

Supplement No. 10 (2000-2009):

- Research and drafting work in support of the study in preparation within the Office of the Legal Counsel on Articles 104 and 105 of the Charter has been undertaken by the Faculty of Law of the University of Ottawa;

Supplement No. 11 (2010-2015):

- The Faculty of Law of the University of Ottawa has begun work on the study relating to Article 11 of Supplement No. 11;
- The consultant hired by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) to prepare a study on Article 58 has completed her assignment. The study in question is currently being finalized by our colleagues from the Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development of DESA;

Supplement No. 12 (2016-2020):

- The Faculty of Law of the University of Ottawa has undertaken the research work required to prepare three studies for Supplement No. 12:
 - A study on Article 8,

- A study on Article 33, and
- A study on Article 51.

Secondly, with regard to the participation of academic institutions in the drafting of studies for the *Repertory*,

- I would first like to express my gratitude to the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, for its continued and valuable support;
- In addition, I am pleased to welcome the recent decision of the University of the Republic of Korea – as outlined by the representative of the Republic of Korea during the general debate of the Special Committee held on Tuesday morning, by which this University will contribute, starting in March 2021, to the preparation of studies for the *Repertory*. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the University of the Republic of Korea, as well as the member of the International Law Commission who put us in touch with that institution, and the delegation of the Republic of Korea for their valuable and generous offer.

• **Finally, I wish to take this opportunity to:**

- (i) Let you know that, 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 19 January 2021, two delegations – one from the Asia-Pacific region [the Philippines], and one from the Latin and Caribbean region [Haiti] – have recently requested information on the program;
- (ii) I would also call upon delegations to contribute to the Trust Fund for the *Repertory* – as at 30 January 2021, the Fund's available balance was \$ 79,623; and
- (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, Mr. Chair.