

**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***

**23 February 2023**

Madam/Mr. Chair,  
Distinguished delegates,

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/77/303 of 18 August 2023) and the statement I delivered last fall during the 77th (seventy-seventh) 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:

**First, with regard to studies in preparation:**

- 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*, the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa is in the process of researching and drafting six studies for that volume: on Articles 24 and 25 (for Supplement No. 11 (2010–2015)) and 36, 40, 42 and 54 (for Supplement No.12 (2016-2020)). It is also preparing two studies on Article 15 for volume II of Supplements No.11 and Supplement No. 12, as well as a study on Article 92 and a study on Article 99 for volume VI of Supplement No. 12, i.e., a total of ten studies. We are indeed particularly grateful to Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa, for their valuable support.

Recruitment of three consultants:

- In addition, as brought to your attention in the fall of 2022 during the 77th (seventy-seventh) session of the Sixth Committee, last August, we recruited three consultants to be financed from the trust fund for the elimination of the backlog in the *Repertory* and entrusted them with the preparation of four studies.

- At this point in time, two of the studies for Supplement No.11 – i.e., a study on Article 19 for volume II and a study on Article 103 for volume VI – are completed by the consultants. They have been submitted to the author department (the Office of Legal Affairs) and an advance copy thereof has been posted on the *Repertory* website;
- Of the two remaining studies (for Supplement No. 12) entrusted to consultants, one (on Article 13 (1) (a) (second part of the sentence)) is at the review stage by the author department (various divisions of the Office of Legal Affairs) and the other (on Article 103) is at the research stage.

**Secondly,**

As already mentioned, I would like to renew my gratitude to the Faculty of Law of the University of Ottawa, for its tireless support for more than a decade.

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

- (i) Draw your attention 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 9 December 2022, and let you know that one delegation from the African region [Uganda] has recently requested information on the program;
- (ii) I would also call upon delegations to contribute to the Trust Fund for the *Repertory*, which is an indispensable tool for us to make progress on the publication – as at 31 January 2023, the Fund’s available balance was \$ 77,289; 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, Madam/Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates.

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