

**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***

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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/78/296 of 8 August 2023) and the statement I delivered last fall during the 78th (seventy-eighth) session of the Sixth Committee.

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

I would like to draw your attention to the following:

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 Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, acting as coordinator for the preparation of the publication, maintained regular contact with the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa. The Faculty of Law is currently in the process of researching and drafting two studies for that volume: on Articles 24 and 25 (for Supplement No.12 (2016-2020)). It is also preparing five studies for volume II on articles 10 and 18 for Supplement No.11 (2010-2015) and Supplement No. 12 (2016-2020) and on article 20 for Supplement No.11; as well as a study on Article 94 for volume VI of Supplement No. 12. This makes a total of eight studies.
- 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.
- In addition, one study on Article 13 (1) (a) (second part of the sentence)) for Supplement No. 12 (2016-2020) has been reviewed by the author department (various divisions of the

Office of Legal Affairs) and is now in the process of being finalized.

- Lastly, one study on Articles 104 and 105 for Supplement 11 remains under review by its author department, the Office of Legal Affairs.

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 [LA/COD/46/1] of 19 December 2023, [there have been no new requests for information on the program since my previous statement.]
- (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 December 2023, the Fund's available balance was \$ **87,303**. Allow me to express my gratitude to the Philippines and Cyprus for their generous contributions to the Fund, which have been made last year.

(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.
