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Briefing by the Chief of the Security Council Practices and Charter
Research Branch/Security Council Affairs Division/DPA, on the
Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates,

1. I am grateful for this opportunity to update members of the Sixth Committee on the status of the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council and related activities. Since Member States have the report of the Secretary-General on the Repertory and the Repertoire before them (A/69/159), I shall be brief today.
2. Distinguished delegates, in 2014 the Practices and Charter Research Branch of the Security Council Affairs Division of the Department of Political Affairs continued to make good progress in the updating of the Repertoire. The Branch simultaneously worked on the preparation of the 17th and 18th Supplements to the Repertoire in order to expedite its coverage

Early this year, the Branch focused on completing the 17th Supplement to the Repertoire covering the period from 2010 to 2011. The entire volume was completed and made available in its advance version on the Repertoire website in June 2014

4. Actual drafting of the 18th Supplement covering the two-year period from 2011 to 2013, commenced in early 2014. Groundwork for this Supplement has been

shorten the time lag between the completion of a Supplement and its eventual publication in all six official languages.

7. Mr. Chairman, during the last year upon request the Branch continued to

10. Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates, the progress made in the preparation and publication of the Repertoire as well as the updating of the Repertoire section of the Council website would not have been possible without contributions received to the Trust Fund for the Updating of the Repertoire. In this context, we are truly grateful for the contributions made to the Trust Fund recently by China and Turkey. Furthermore, we are very grateful to Switzerland for their sponsorship of an Associate Expert who has made a valuable contribution to advancing our work.

11. Nonetheless, the Branch faces a heavy workload in sustaining a regular publication schedule for the Repertoire to prevent new backlogs from forming, updating the Repertoire section of the Council website in all languages and continuing to improve the quality and accessibility of information about the Security Council. Besides regular budgetary resources, we are also dependent on voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund established by the General Assembly in resolution 54/106. We are grateful to those Member States who have generously contributed to the Trust Fund over the years, and we would encourage all Member States to contribute to the Trust Fund to consider sponsorship of an Associate Expert for the Branch as was done in the past.

12. Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates, your feedback on our work is very much appreciated. The Branch continues to stand ready to assist you with information and guidance on all procedural and constitutional aspects of the current as well as past practice of the Security Council.

13. Thank you.