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76<sup>th</sup> SESSION**

**Briefing by the Chief of the Security Council Practices and Charter Research  
Branch/Security Council Affairs Division/Department of Political and  
Peacebuilding Affairs, on the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council***

**Esteemed Chair, distinguished delegates,**

1. I am most grateful for this opportunity to provide the delegates of the Sixth Committee with an update on the status of the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* and related activities. By way of introduction, I wish to refer you to the Report of the Secretary-General on the *Repertory* and the *Repertoire* (A/76/223) of 23 July 2021.

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<sup>rd</sup> Supplement and the  
preparation of the 24<sup>th</sup> Supplement to the *Repertoire*, respectively covering  
the years 2020 and 2021.

3. I am happy to report that the advance version of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Supplement was completed and posted on the website of the Council, as scheduled, in October 2021. Moreover, consistent with our contemporary approach to the

coverage of the practice of the Council, the Branch is well advanced in the research and drafting of the 24<sup>th</sup> Supplement.

4. Regarding the status of the publication process,

datasets, namely on the representation of women in the work of the Council, the history of membership in the Council, and the chairs and vice-chairs of subsidiary organs. In May, in response to requests from Council members for regular information on the Council's work, we launched the first issue of a monthly newsletter entitled "The UN Security Council in Review," providing an overview of the activity of the Council activity each month. It is currently being distributed widely among Member States and will soon be made available directly on the website of the Security Council.

7. The aforementioned appeal was also focused on the enhancement of the online search for the *Repertoire*. Contributions made to the appeal have allowed us to initiate a project to enhance the *Repertoire* search engine with the objective of improving the accessibility of information for users and the accuracy of search results. This is a project in which the Branch is actively collaborating with the Office of Information and Communications Technology.
8. During the past year, the Branch has been actively engaged in promoting the *Repertoire* beyond traditional channels and has leveraged social media to increase awareness and improve the knowledge and quality of data about the Security Council, available to Member States and the public at large.
9. **Esteemed Chair, distinguished delegates**, as I mentioned, the progress



more quickly, in all six official languages. Moreover, the progress achieved in the past several years, as well as the very significant increase in requests for information and research from Council members and the membership at large, have proven that the *Repertoire*, conceived in 1950s, has stood the test of time and is very much an essential tool to understand the dynamics and complex work of the Council.

14. **Esteemed Chairperson, distinguished delegates**, I invite you to visit the website of the Security Council and the pages devoted to the *Repertoire* and the array of corresponding research tools available. The Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch remains at the disposal of Member States to provide insight and guidance on all aspects of the current and past practice of the Council and to respond to any questions that you may have.

Thank you.