

Statement Delivered by Han na Betachew Birhanu : on behalf of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia:

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Thank You Madame Chair,

Treaties remain critical legal and diplomatic instruments that ensure predictability and forge rule of law at the international level. The increasing interdependence and inter-connectedness among nations is best served with transparency in all aspects of treaty making . Needless to state , no aspect of treaty making process can be left to the municipal laws of our individual countries .

Furthermore, Ethiopia has a growing concern on secret treaties especially in the security sector . Unfettered pursuit of nam [(3ph 87h 87hL

First, Article 102 of the UN Charter should be given a direct meaning instead of a context driven interpretation that does not express the prevailing intention during its making . While a set of rules over this clear provision of the charter is needed we should be careful not to lose flexibility by an over-prescriptive approach that may be counter-productive for our objective of having more treaties registered .

Second , translation of treaties requires a critical legal consideration that balances the legal status of versions of treaties and accessibility to the wider body of user . While we wholeheartedly support multilingualism in the UN , we do not see its application to bilateral or multilateral treaties to a similar level . Authentic texts of treaties are determined by the parties to the treaties and availability of other versions produced by the UN shall not create a legal question or serve as a reference point for interpretation of the agreements , especially for bilateral , sub regional and regional agreements . In

regional and sub -regional organization s. We should encourage treaty transparency every opportunity we get, at the UN, regional or sub -regional levels.

This being said , Madam e Chair, Ethiopia s upports the efforts being made to simplify processes to register treaties and to create open access . My delegation also supports suggestion of adapt ing the Treaty Series to a digital format publication .

Than k You.