

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.