



publication of existing and valid treaties gives a sense of the actual practice of states, ushers better understanding of accepted norms in international law, and engenders compliance with obligations adhered to by states parties under legally binding international agreements.

In the Report, there are suggestions to have a technical exchange of views on the practice of depositaries of multilateral treaties (for the sharing of best practices); to develop an online registration tool that could facilitate the submission of treaties for registration in a simplified process; and to alleviate the backlog in the publication of the Treaty Series through other measures not related to the translation of treaties, but measures related to the limited publication policy and the format of the publication.

The discussions on the regulations, however, should not keep us from looking at the broader issue of strengthening the treaty framework that would benefit all member states. If the discussion on this agenda item is confined to a few states, representing geographic groups that have historically higher registration rates, then we might be missing the point of the review.

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