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Briefing by the Chief of the Security Council Practices and Charter
Research Branch/Security Council Affairs Division/DP A, 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/67/189), I shall be brief today.

2. Distinguished delegates, in 2012 the Practices and Charter Research Branch of the Security Council Affairs Division continued to make good progress in the
updating of the Repertoire. In line with the "two-track" approach, most recently endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 66/101, the Branch
simultaneously worked on the preparation of several Supplements to the
Repertoire in order to expedite its coverage of the contemporary practice and procedure of the Security Council. Earlier this year the Branch completed the 16th Supplement covering 2008 and 2009. Regarding the 1 th Supplement to the Repertoire, covering the period from 2010 to 2011, we expect the entire volume to be available in its advance version in mid-2013.

3. Actual drafting of the 18th Supplement covering the two-year period from 2012 to 2013 will commence in early 2013. Groundwork for this Supplement has been systematically laid down in the last two years through recording the most contemporary practice of the Security Council in an internal database.

4. Progress in the preparation of the Repertoire is mostly due to efficiency-enhancing initiatives, such as the specialized training of staff, the review of editorial
processes, increased use of internal databases and the continuous up-dating of Repertoire drafting guidelines. However, future progress will very much depend on the availability of resources which I will address later.

5. A few words about the status of the drafted Supplements of the Repertoire,
covering the period from 1993 to 2009. While the English-language version of the
12th and 13th Supplements covering the period 1993 to 1999 was published in
2011, the remaining languages are expected to be published shortly. As far as the
14th Supplement, covering the period 2000 to 2003, is concerned, the entire
volume has been completed and the English-language version is to be published
soon with the other languages to follow this year. Work 12.9 98.94 (the) Tj 0 127.42 276n Su

6. Mr. Chairman, during the last year, the Branch responded to requests for information from Member States, United Nations staff, students, academic scholars and researchers.

7. I invite you to explore frequently the Repertoire section of the Security Council website where we regularly post new studies. I am happy to announce that the Repertoire section is now available in all official languages and fully integrated into the recently overhauled Security Council website. In addition