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We also note from the Secretary-General's report that the treaty registration trends and patterns appear to be geographically imbalanced, and the number of treaties submitted for registration by States from different regional groups varied significantly. Such a significant geographical disparity could be attributed to the limited awareness of the obligation to register as well as lack of resources for the submission of treaties for registration. To address this situation, a revision of the regulations in force is vitally important so as to make registration easier, efficient, less bureaucratic, less costly and more simplified. The Sixth Committee could play an essential role in strengthening and promoting the international treaty framework through modifying and updating the existing regulations with a view to make them more efficient and more accessible to Member States.

It is also important to consider additional measures through capacity building in this regard, technical assistance, in particular the organization of workshops on treaty law and practice at the national and regional levels.

Mr. Chairman,

We welcome facilitation of electronic submissions for registration which has simplified the registration procedure as well as the efforts made to develop and enhance the electronic treaty database. In this regard, we support the idea provided in the report of the

Furthermore, my delegation is of the view that any suggestion to remove the requirement to translate treaties into English and French under article 12, paragraph 1 of the regulations should be avoided. The International Court of Justice, in particular, needs access to treaties registered and published in its working languages, which are English and French.

Finally, my delegation is of the view that there is no need to change the existing regulations, with respect to the registration of provisionally applied treaties.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.