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notification. Or, l'absence d'objection ne saurait

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A forum for States to exchange information, to discuss questionable reservations and possibly to coordinate reactions or objections may indeed be useful. Switzerland actively takes part in the Council of Europe's Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law which also serves as such a forum.

Hence my delegation endorses a recommendation of the General Assembly to States to consider establishing similar fora at the regional level. It is desirable that all regions establish such observatories. Once this is the case and such observatories have proven to be functional at regional levels, the establishment of such an observatory at the universal level within the United Nations might be considered.

Mechanisms of assistance

Lastly, the Commission suggests to the General Assembly (*in its 2011 report A/66/10, § 73*) to consider establishing so-called mechanisms of assistance. *That is to say to designate a group of experts to make proposals to requesting States to settle differences of views and to provide technical assistance to States in formulating reservations and objections all of which would be on demand only and on a voluntary basis.*

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Acceptance cannot cure this impermissibility *either*. The formulation of impermissible

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On the other hand, the predicament is presumably less severe if there has been an objection to the reservation. Ideally, the objecting State would state the reasons for and the legal consequences it attaches to the impermissibility of the reservation. That way, the reserving State could be expected to react if it does not agree. If it does not react, it fails to rebut the presumption and should be considered to be fully bound by the treaty without the benefit of the reservation.

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