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It is therefore of the opinion that the regulations should provide for a procedure that enables a relatively new member state such as Switzerland but also other states that have not yet registered their treaties to start registering existing treaties. Current practice is therefore by far not only an issue for Switzerland.

In practical terms, Switzerland proposes incorporating into the regulations a new provision expressly providing for the registration of treaties that refer to older treaties that have not yet been registered.

Adapting the regulations along these lines is the only way to enable a number of states to apply Article 102 of the Charter effectively in the future, without the inordinate effort of catching up with the registration of hundreds or thousands of treaties at the same time.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.