

Translated from French

Contribution of the Kingdom of Belgium to the report requested in paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 73/210 of 20 December 2018

As requested in the note verbale of 27 June 2019 from the Office of Legal Affairs (LA/TR/230/Regulations/2019-2) concerning strengthening and promoting the international treaty framework, Belgium has the honour to submit the following observations.

Belgium welcomes the review of the regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter

depository, the depository is encouraged to effect registration unless otherwise provided in the treaty or international agreement or agreed by its parties.” Belgium believes that it is preferable not to change the obligations for depositaries, as currently set out.

Belgium is of the opinion that the registration of treaties by the depository should be simply “encouraged”, and not become a requirement. Such a requirement would not be in accordance with article 77 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties.

Belgium takes this opportunity to convey to the Office of Legal Affairs the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.
