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Thank you, Chair.

The United States welcomes the opportunity to discuss strengthening and promoting the international treaty framework. In connection with this topic, we are pleased that the Committee is addressing best practices of depositaries of multilateral instruments.

We greatly appreciate the depositary work of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, including its adoption of an electronic system for depositary communications. The United States is depositary for more than 200 multilateral instruments. On January 1, 2020, we also moved to an electronic system for dissemination of all depositary communications. In doing so, we found

In our experience, the electronic dissemination of depositary information has proven to be an effective and efficient means of communicating information. We encourage other states that are serving as depositaries similarly to consider ways in which electronic systems may contribute to their performance of depositary functions. We further encourage depositaries to maintain up-to-date websites that make publicly available the status information of signatories and parties.

In addition, we suggest that states that are parties to multilateral treaties make use of electronic depositary notification systems by subscribing to receive from depositaries information about treaty actions. Such systems typically allow states to tailor the information they receive and enable them to receive that information in a timely manner.

We hope to see continued expansion and utilization of electronic depositary notification systems, as the United States considers these systems to reflect depositary best practice.

Thank you.