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The Legal Counsel presents her compliments to the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations and has the honour to transmit herewith a User Survey of the United Nations Treaty Series (UNTS).

The UNTS has been published by the United Nations since 1946 in order to give effect to the mandate in Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations that every treaty and international agreement entered into by a Member State of the United Nations shall be registered with and published by the Secretariat. Regulations to give effect to Article 102 were adopted by the General Assembly in 1946 and subsequently modified a number of times (most recently on 18 December 1978). The printed volumes of the UNTS reproduce the text of treaties and international agreements registered or filed and recorded with the Secretariat in the authentic language(s), together with translations into English and French, as required.

To date, the Treaty Section has placed on its website in digital format (PDF) at <http://treaties.un.org> over 2,400 UNTS volumes starting from 1946. This unique digital collection of treaties continues to grow with additional volumes being added every month.

In order to provide Member States with broader and more efficient, user-friendly and timely access to this authoritative source of the full texts of treaties and related treaty actions, the Treaty Section is undertaking a review of its treaty publication process. The objective is to gain a perspective on the practical value and relevance of the hard copies and the continued dissemination of the UNTS in printed format in light of major advancements in the Treaty Section's capacity to deliver the treaty-related information online.

The Treaty Section has developed the capability to place online the authentic text(s) of registered treaties, together with their translations, as required, prior to their publication in the UNTS. It is noted that the UNTS remains the only major publication still being delivered by the Treaty Section in printed format. In this regard, it is highly important for the Secretariat to obtain the views of Member States as to which version of the UNTS they find most useful and their level of satisfaction with that version.

The Legal Counsel therefore encourages the Permanent Representatives of the United Nations to complete the enclosed user survey of the UNTS and send their response to the Treaty Section (by fax: 212-963-3693 or e-mail: kolomoets@un.org) no later than 31 August 2010.

The Legal Counsel of the United Nations avails herself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations the assurances of her highest consideration.

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27 July 2010

## United Nations Treaty Series User Survey

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations, discharges its treaty registration and publication functions pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations through the publication of the United Nations Treaty Series (UNTS) in printed format, as paper bound volumes, and in digital format (PDF) on the Treaty Section's website at <http://treaties.un.org>. To date, the Treaty Section has placed on its website over 2,400 UNTS volumes beginning from 1946. This unique digital collection of treaties continues to grow with additional volumes being added every month.

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Member States are kindly requested to complete the survey below and send their response to the Treaty Section (by fax: 212-963-3693 or e-mail: [kolomoets@un.org](mailto:kolomoets@un.org)) no later than 31 August 2010.

1. Name of Member State: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Which version of the United Nations Treaty Series do you use the most?

Online Version

Printed Version

Both

Comments to explain response: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How often do you use the United Nations Treaty Series?

Daily

Weekly

Monthly

Less often

4. Overall, how satisfied are you with the PRINTED version of the United Nations Treaty Series?

Very Satisfied

Satisfied

Not Satisfied

Comments to explain response: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Overall, how satisfied are you with the ONLINE version of the United Nations Treaty Series?

Very Satisfied

Satisfied

Not Satisfied

Comments to explain response: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. If you could change any aspect of the PRINTED version of the United Nations Treaty Series, what would it be?

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7. If you could change any aspect of the ONLINE version of the United Nations Treaty Series, what would it be?

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8. Do you use any other reference sources to research treaties?

No

Yes

If you responded "Yes" above, please tell us what references you are using and why.

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9. Do you have any additional comments you wish to make?

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