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The Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States and Non-Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to draw attention to General Assembly resolution 78/236 of 22 December 2023 entitled “Strengthening and promoting the international treaty framework”.

It may be recalled that, by operative paragraph 15 of the resolution, the General Assembly:

“*Decides* to undertake a regular thematic debate in the Sixth Committee to foster a technical exchange of views on practice relating to strengthening and promoting of the international treaty framework, and in that regard invites Member States to focus their comments during the debate at the eightieth session of the General Assembly on the subtopic ‘The role of technology in shaping treaty-making practice’, and requests the Secretary-General to invite Governments and international organizations to submit information on their practice in this regard, and to provide, at its eightieth session, a report with information on practice related to the subtopic taking into account these submissions”¹.

The Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations would be most grateful if it could receive by 28 February 2025 any information on their practice regarding “the role of technology in shaping treaty-making practice” that Governments may wish to submit. Submissions may be addressed to the Treaty Section (treatysection@un.org).

Given the strict requirements for processing of documentation, the Secretariat does not guarantee the processing of submissions received after the deadline. It is also reminded of the importance of reflecting a gender perspective when input is provided to reports of the Secretary-General, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 78/182 of 19 December 2023².

In accordance with resolution 78/236, the item will be considered by the General Assembly at its eightieth session and the report of the Secretary-General will support the thematic debate in the Sixth Committee on the selected subtopic.

The Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States and Non-Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.




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¹ See General Assembly Resolution 78/236 at <https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/78/236>

² See General Assembly Resolution 78/182 at <https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/78/182>