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Madame Chair, thank you for giving me the floor.

I would like to thank Mr Palmer for the very interesting paper that he has prepared for us and which indicates, inter alia, that in some cases there are differing practices between different UN specialized agencies concerning the naming of certain countries. With regard to this particular point, I would like to observe that a more uniform relevant practice of these agencies should be pursued, in accordance with the practice of the mother organization (United Nations) and in line with the general principle of standardization that is guiding our work, especially in cases there are specific reasons to do so, like the existence of relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions dictating a certain terminology.

Thank you.