We acknowledge that the model of regionalization proposed by the Secretary-General for developing countries differs from that which has been implemented in Europe. The regionalization model proposed for developing countries would consist of the creation of several "Regional Centers", and the maintenance of a UN presence in those countries that would have their UNIC's closed down.

However, we do not believe that a process such as the one described should be initiated, without first contemplating other options.

Thus, it would be of crucial significance for the design of a program applicable to developing countries to know the results of regionalization in Europe; if it has made possible substantive savings; in what way the freed resources have been utilized; and, most importantly, if the quality of the information services has been affected.

It is indispensable to know and approve the criteria employed to determine which centers