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On the relationship between DPI and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, we would continue to urge that the two Departments work in closer tandem, with the objective to raise awareness about United Nations peacekeeping, particularly relevant given the present surge, as also to project more successfully the achievements of peacekeepers, both in the developed and developing world. While there is a definite paucity of such information in the first instance, in the case of the latter, such publicity could also serve as an incentive to those countries to continue to contribute to UN peacekeeping. We are appreciative of the efforts undertaken by the Department in the case of the United Nations Stabilisation Mission in Haiti and look forward to an equally pro-active approach by DPI and continued DPI-DPKO collaboration in the United Nations Missions in the Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Mr. Chairman,