

**Statement by Mr. Bahk Sahng-Hoon, Representative of the Republic of Korea
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Mr. Chairman,

While supporting the DPI's efforts, we are of the view that the rationalization should not automatically be understood as a reduction in the number of centres, but rather as an improvement to promote a more systematic and effective flow of information and more active outreach activities. The priorities of rationalization should be determined primarily on the basis of demand for the services provided by UNICs and the availability of alternative means of access to UN information services.

outside of the scope of the DPI's field information capacity, and we hope that the rationalization of UNICs will proceed in such a way as to strengthen the Organization's length(f)3 e (r)-1.3g)62.9o)