

Statement by H.E. Mr. Choisureen Baatar, Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations (20 April 2005)

Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, allow me to join the previous speakers in expressing my sincere congratulations to you on your election to the Chairmanship of this twenty-seventh session of the Committee on Information, as well as to the rest of the Bureau. Rest assured of my delegation's full confidence, and our support and assistance to you in discharge of your duties. My heartfelt salutations also go to H.E. Iftekhar Chowdhury, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh, for the commendable manner in which he led our deliberations during two previous sessions.

I also take the opportunity to welcome the new members of the Committee — Cape Verde, Iceland, Luxembourg, Madagascar and Qatar.

and human rights worldwide. Mongolia, therefore, is pleased that the DPI, while grappling with the task of countering the negative publicity of the United Nations, has maintained its regular programme, and guided by its mission statement continued to focus on promoting global awareness and greater understanding of the work of the UN in priority area as set out in the Millennium Declaration, such as poverty eradication, conflict prevention, sustainable development, human rights, HIV/AIDS, international fight against terrorism and special needs of Africa.

Mr. Chairman,

Let me echo your words that "the Committee is meeting at an extraordinary time in the history of the Organization. It will turn sixty years in any way you measure it". Indeed, the notion of 60 years has a special symbolic meaning in my country — Mongolia. It is 60 years — unlike 100 in Western calendar tradition — that forms a full cycle according to our traditional lunar calendar. We strongly believe that bold decisions and actions are needed as we enter a new cycle and a new era.

In this respect, we warmly appreciate that the DPI has already developed and started campaigning for UN renewal targeting at both the policy makers and general public. Indeed, the September Summit is ought to be a milestone, a decisive point that should galvanize the international community to meet the development challenges which confront mankind,

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