

Statement by Mr. Yoon Yeo-Cheol, Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations (25 April 2006)

Mr. Chairman,

I would like first to extend my delegation's congratulations to you on your election as Chairman of the 28th session of the Committee on Information. I am confident that under your

that the DPI could give greater priority to enhancing the website in those major languages that receive the most traffic as a way of making a more efficient use of its limited resources.

Turning to the UN libraries, we are pleased to see coordinated efforts to ensure that their activities and services are supporting the UN's goals and objectives. We support the new motto, "From collections to connections", which emphasizes the transition of UN libraries from document repositories to hubs in networked knowledge-sharing communities. In this regard, we support changing the official name of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library to the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and Knowledge Sharing Center, as proposed in the Secretary-General's report.

Mr. Chairman,

We are encouraged by the results of the three-year evaluation project of the DPI contained in the Secretary-General's report [A/AC.198/2006/4](#). My delegation would like to draw your attention to the public perceptions and expectations of the United Nations reflected in a number of public opinion polls conducted by the DPI. Although the UN's image has been badly bruised by recent scandals, the majority of the public wants a stronger United Nations and believes that the UN is central to resolving global conflicts. This is where we stand. We should strive to meet these expectations, and as we do so, it is vitally important that the DPI continue its efforts to help the public to understand the reality of the United Nations and its hopes for the future.