

**Statement by H.E. Mr. Choisure Baatar, Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations (26 April 2006)**

Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, allow me to join the previous speakers in saluting you and the rest of the Bureau and wish you every success in discharge of your duties. I thank Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information Mr. Shashi Tharoor for his elegant, eloquent and comprehensive address to this Committee. I commend him and the whole DPI team for the early issuance of reports this year - a fact that provided delegations additional time to study and reflect on their substance.

I also take this opportunity to warmly welcome our new member - Austria, and to express the support of my delegation to the request of Thailand and the Dominican Republic to join the Committee on Information. I fully agree with the Under-Secretary-General's assessment that the almost twofold increase in the Committee's membership since its establishment is a testimony to the vivid interest that Member States have in the work of the DPI.

Mr. Chairman,

Mongolia wholeheartedly supports the efforts of the Dep