

Mr. Chairman,

Let me begin by congratulating you on your assumption of the Chairmanship of this Committee. I also wish to thank your predecessor, Mr. Mihnea Ioan Motoc, for his commendable service during previous session. In addition my delegation would like to extend a cordial welcome to the new Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Mr. Kiyotaka Akasaka.

Mr. Chairman,

The Republic of Korea attaches great importance to the work of the Department of Public information (DPI) in informing the world about the values and activities of the United Nations. The UN can realize its policy goals more effectively by gaining the support of the global public. To help sustain and build that support, the DPI should make every effort to provide relevant information effectively to an ever wider and more diverse audience.

In this regard, my delegation supports the recent efforts of the DPI to better structure its

