

**Statement by Mr. Igor D. Evdokimov, Representative of the Russian Federation
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Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Russian delegation I would like to welcome you to the Department of Public Information of the United Nations.

Over the past five years. Much has been done: the consolidation of information resources has been secured, a policy has been developed to ensure proper coverage of the United Nations activities in all areas. We hope that the new Under-Secretary-General of the Organization will ensure due continuity of such work.

Last year, during the 33rd session of our Committee, we welcomed the new directors in the Department. We are pleased that the recommendations, which we made to them then, were heard and are already being implemented in practice.

The excellent visual presentation of the DPI's work and the informative exchange of views that took place in the course of the interactive dialogue between the Department and the national delegations were particularly noteworthy.

events held by the Department on World War II and the Holocaust, we believe that work should be aimed not only at preserving the historical memory of those tragic events, but also on the propaganda of unacceptability of the modern forms of Nazism, the manifestations of which in some countries only not repressed, but rather encouraged at the state level. This cannot be tolerated!

Meetings of the Committee on Information are traditionally held on the eve of one of the most important dates in modern history —

the Earth. It is noteworthy that the use of modern technology (live webcast was provided), students from around the world were able to participate in the event. For example, in Moscow, two-way online broadcast was organized at the Press Center of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia. That enabled students of Moscow universities not only to follow the debate, but to participating in it, too. We believe that such good practice could be used in conducting similar DPI activities. Even more so that it fits into DPI's strategy to expand the use of new media tools.

In general we welcome the use of modern means of information distribution, based on the world-wide-web platform: YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, etc. There is a clear tendency to attract continuously growing, mostly young, audience. This ensures a good link between generations. The statistical information contained in the DPI reports indicates that.

As before, we believe that effective dissemination of information about the UN requires a balanced approach to the use of modern information technologies. The statistical information contained in the DPI reports indicates that.

