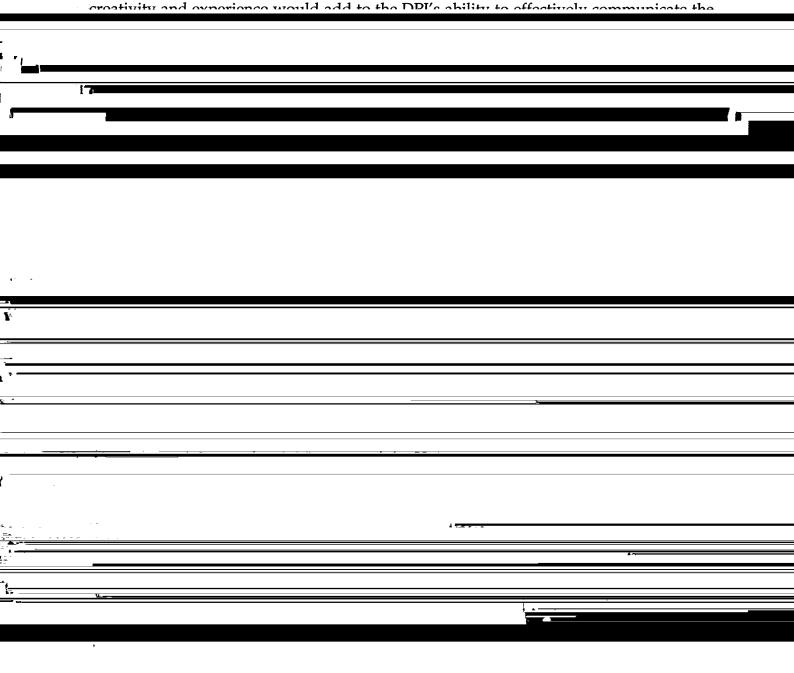


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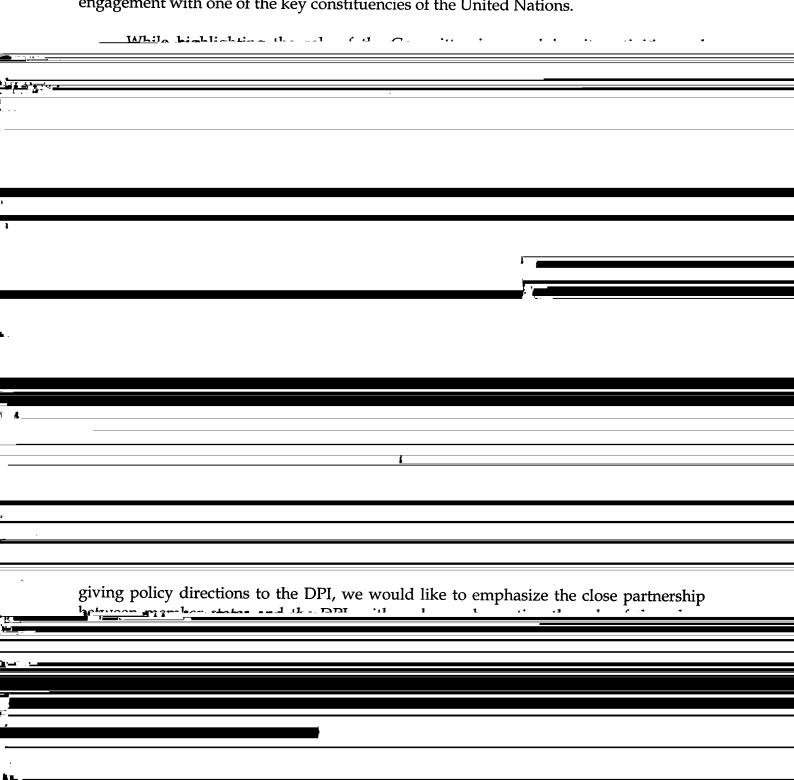
At the outset, on behalf of India, I would like to congratulate **Ambassador Lyutha Sultan Al-Mughairy** on her election as Chair of the Committee, as also the other members of the Bureau on their election. I wish you all the best of success and assure you of my country's full co-operation during the ongoing session of the Committee.

India also welcomes the appointment of Mr. Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal of Austria as the new Under Secretary General for Communication and Public Information. We are happy that he has served in India, and are confident that his creativity and experience would add to the DPI's ability to effectively communicate the



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We welcome the appointment by the Secretary General of the Youth Envoy, under the Outreach Division of DPI. We hope that this will help enhance DPI's engagement with one of the key constituencies of the United Nations.



opinion in favor of a peaceful settlement of this issue, and restore peace in the Middle-East. The DPI should continue to work closely with the DPKO, DFS and DPA in its efforts to highlight the work performed by UN peacekeepers, often under extremely demanding circumstances. However rather than responding to particular situations or