

Statement by Mr. Romain Kohn, Attaché, Permanent Mission of Luxembourg to the United Nations, on behalf of the European Union (18 April 2005)

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union. The Acceding Countries
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in implementing the Millennium Declaration. The European Union commends DPI for its efforts of drawing the world's attention to the process of revitalization and reform of the United Nations.

The other crucial date this year and also another great opportunity to underline the importance of coordinated information activities, will be the sixtieth anniversary of the Organization in autumn. The EU is convinced that those activities should encompass a strong support for and the widest possible cooperation with the national public awareness campaigns conducted by the Member States with the view to bring to the peoples a better knowledge of UN activities and achievements.

At the heart of DPI's work is its mission statement. The EU is pleased to see that the DPI's mission statement echoes the guiding orientation set out in the Millennium Declaration and focuses on key priorities such as poverty, conflict prevention, sustainable development, human rights, the HIV/AIDS epidemic, the fight against international terrorism and the needs of the African continent. We share the view, expressed in the Secretary General's report "In Larger Freedom" that "development, security and human rights go hand in hand". We also believe that these objectives can be achieved only if the larger public is aware of the inter-linkages between development, security, human rights, justice and rule of law. DPI, in making good use of the revolution in information technology and the advances in communications, has a crucial role to play to communicate the necessary information to the public.

In this regard, the EU is pleased to see the continuing efforts of DPI to strengthen the culture of evaluation. We appreciate that the systematic evaluation has been reinforced through to std,hrhe sy 7 Tc -0.003

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I would like to underscore the commitment of the European Union to conducting our deliberations during this 27th session of the Committee on Information in the same constructive and co-operative manner than in the past, aimed at seeking solutions in consensus.

Thank you Mr. Chairman