

delegations ~~no~~ took the floor to comment on the ~~work~~ of the ~~Department~~ of Public Information. My colleagues and I are ~~very~~ grateful for your ~~expressions~~ of support ~~for~~ ~~the~~ of our ~~Department~~ as the public ~~voice~~ of the United ~~Nations~~.

~~What~~ listened attentively to your statements and suggestions, both during the formal sessions and during our interactive dialogue on Monday afternoon. I believe that many of your ~~question~~ s ~~have~~ already been answered in detail during Monday's session.

I ~~would~~ therefore suggest that, in ~~view~~ of my comprehensive and lengthy opening statement, and our ~~extensive~~ dialogue on Monday afternoon, I limit my ~~intervention~~ today to the specific issues and ~~questions~~ raised during the general debate, ~~which~~ I ~~will~~ try to address in clusters.

I have of course taken note, with some concern, of the comments made today about the quality of yesterday's press release summarizing the morning and afternoon sessions of this Committee. I wish to assure delegates that they are indeed entitled to expect the highest standards from DPI when it comes to summarizing accurately the statements made in this Committee, and I have therefore pulled the summary from the UN web site. It is being revised thoroughly to more accurately reflect the wide range of issues raised in the General Debate. I do wish to once again assure delegations that certainly there was no other agenda at work; I assume some hasty drafting by over-stressed, and over-stretched staff members. But the matter has received the attention it deserves.

Mr. Chairman,

Several delegations referred to DPI efforts with regard to the support for the public information components of peacekeeping operations. In this regard, I wish to reiterate that, indeed, all  
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dialogue in Harare, a poster competition in Yerevan and media roundtables in Minsk and Almaty, all conducted by the respective UN information offices there. UNIC Sydney, in conjunction with an advertising company, successfully placed advertisements with the theme "tolerance free of charge" in Aust (n )0.5(i)1.a er







this year, the UN will test it and, in coordination with the CEB Secretariat, we will undertake another attempt to crawl all the web sites of the UN system.

And on the specific question asked this afternoon, I wish to assure the delegate concerned that DPI will work with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, to ensure the updating of the Chernobyl web site in the remaining official languages Arabic, Chinese, French, and Spanish.

Mr. Chairman,

A number of delegations also raised issues relating to the report on the new strategic directions of UN libraries (A/AC.198/2005/4). I must say we were very much encouraged by the number of positive comments from delegations — my staff counted at least seven delegations specifically mentioning this — on the new focus of the libraries, on the role of the Steering Committee for the Modernization and In 0.2 g0.001 Tc -0.003 Tw 1.275 0 Td[(on )0.6 (9a5 (l)1.5 (eas)-2 (





working group, and in our offices when we are not here, to address individually any other questions that you may have.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.