



comprehensive information policy as well as its professional implementation is viewed as one of the most important tasks of the Department at the current stage.

The Secretary-General's reports submitted for the Committee's consideration reflect the massive work undertaken to implement DPI's recommendations in all priority areas. On the whole, the achievements can be assessed as positive.

The Russian delegation endorses and regards as quite justifiable DPI management's aspiration to focus its efforts on disseminating information which is of key and strategic importance for the UN, namely on maintaining international peace, assisting in the implementation of MDGs, reforming the UN, addressing new challenges and threats to security, poverty and on conflict prevention and human rights.

Mr. Chairman,

When speaking about the unique opportunities created by information and communication technologies, one should not overlook the existing inequality of access to them. We confirm our commitment to the principle of granting opportunities to all people without exception to use the benefits of the global information community, which would guarantee broad access to information, freedom of expression and equal participation for all.

DPI's main objective consists in popularizing UN activities, disseminating objective information on its work, enhancing the image of this unique international Organization. As we see it, to attain this objective we need to use actively cutting-edge information and communication technologies along with traditional means of mass communication, to ensure parity of all the official languages of the UN in the preparation of information products it is also necessary that DPI and its local information centres track down and promptly respond to distorted information about the UN's activities.

Bringing the principle of multilingualism to life, including the development of UN radio and the web site in all the official languages of the Organization, is an important component enabling the successful attainment of DPI's objectives. We should continue to step up the potential of non-English web sites of the UN itself as well as other bodies within its system.

We are grateful to DPI for considering the possibility of extending translation of press-releases to include other official languages of the UN, which, in our view, is an important aspect of implementing the principle of multilingualism.

We welcome support to the expansion of all forms of Russian-language coverage of UN activities. According to the statistics contained in the submitted reports, the Russian language section of the UN website has demonstrated ‘the largest increase in page views’ the past year, again, has seen a considerable growth in visits (by 30%) and page views (by 58,1%).

We welcome the progress achieved in the development of DPI’s audiovisual activities, including the work of the Media Library, the modernization of UN Radio and Television, and the development of web casts.

We approve of the effective work of the international radio service and the continuing expansion and reinforcement of partnership relations with local, national and regional broadcasting stations. Also, we would like to take note of the fruitful work of UN Radio’s Russian Service, which in 2006 started broadcasting its programmes in the Russian language in Moscow, the Moscow region and St Petersburg on the waves of the

. We would like to take particular note of the constructive interaction between UN Radio’s Russian service and the leading radio station

.

We would like to stress in particular that along with developing experimental UN Radio projects it is necessary to preserve and develop traditional radio coverage, which includes packaged programmes.

We welcome DPI’s constructive innovations in preparing and publishing its information materials, holding briefings for the press and the work of the Spokespers

Organization's activities. Unless mistakes by the mass



Dobrov, an Honored Artist of Russia, an Honorary Member of Russian Academy of Arts, took place at the UN Headquarters in January 2008. The exhibition became part of the programme of events held by the UN in observance of International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

We once again reaffirm the need to provide within the framework of DPI's programmes and events commemorating Holocaust objective and thorough information on the outcome of World War II as a whole. We must remem)