

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to, first of all, congratulate you upon your election to the Chairmanship of the Committee. The same

It is re-assuring to learn that the weekly meetings of the UN
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the UN and how that work is relevant to their lives. The UN also stands to provide great opportunities to the public to receive information on global issues and make the full use of it. However, the UN must, more importantly, be careful not to overwhelm the people with information. It must ensure the steady flow and availability of quality information and help enable the public to turn that information into knowledge so that they can make the best decisions.

Last year when Thailand joined the Committee on Information as a full member for the first time, my delegation was delighted to learn in more details about the ongoing DPI educational outreach activities involving schools and youth, such as the Cyberschoolbus, the UN Works programme and the Model UN programme. These activities would allow younger generations to connect with the UN and raise their awareness about issues of global importance, for instance peace and tolerance, poverty, sustainable development, water, climate change, HIV/AIDS and human rights. Let me affirm that DPI has Thailand's full support in this regard, including a global Model UN to begin in 2009.

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Furthermore, it is commendable that DPI has widened the reach of information in different UN-official and non-official languages, through different media, in both developed and developing countries by building

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technology does not always render efficiency or effectiveness. It could, however, present an obstacle for those at the different levels of technological advancement.

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To this end, Thailand pledges our support and readiness to work cooperatively