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Mr. Chairman,

Let me start by congratulating the Permanent Representative of Costa Rica, H.E. Ambassador Edmundo Ulibarri for his appointment of the chairmanship of the Committee on Information. I would also like to congratulate other members of the Bureau. I am convinced that your outstanding leadership in this session will achieve productive results.

The Chinese delegation thanks Under-Secretary-General Kiyotaka Akasaka for his briefing on the work of the UN in the field of public information and appreciates the positive result achieved by the IDPI under the guidance of Under-Secretary-General Kiyotaka Akasaka. The Chinese delegation associates itself with the statement made by Argentina, Sweden, the EU and others in support of Mr. Kiyotaka Akasaka's reappointment.

Mr. Chairman,

To further improve the UN's work in the field of information, increase its efficiency and influence and make it more targeted, I would like to make the following points:

Firstly, information work in various official languages should be carried out in a balanced manner around the world, allowing equal access to all countries. We welcome the UN Information Centre's achievements in strengthening its website and its efforts to contact various countries and use multiple languages to disseminate information.

Secondly, I would like to point out that the UN website has been updated from time to time, including Arabic, Russian and Chinese, website usage is generally stable, but the total traffic for the whole UN website system is still too low compared with one

official languages of the UN. Factors like slow updating of the webpage, relatively small amount of information and less than satisfactory content have all affected the use of UN

language using Arabic, Russian and Chinese language. We hope that the UN will pay attention to the balanced delivery of service in all official languages and improve information service delivery on all three UN websites as a platform for countries.

Second, efforts are needed to strengthen the construction of UN websites and the quality of the information provided via those websites. We have noticed that

the UN has improved the design and functions of its websites and greatly increased its popularity.

It is particularly worth mentioning that the integration and upgrading of functions like document indexing and news item indexing have helped member states to obtain information through UN website.

Third, attention should be given to special needs of the young people and enhance information service provided to them. In recent years, the UN

has made great efforts to establish networking websites to help young people serve young audience. Such efforts have opened up new channels to take the young

people's attention to the UN. This is a good example of the UN's efforts to serve the same purpose we

should remember that majority of the world's developing countries still bear in mind the objective needs of the people in the field of information. The UN should

access, avoid further widening the gap among different countries in information development. Countries in developing countries in information access

further increase cooperation and exchange with the media in developing countries and provide more support and assistance to them.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Chairman for your kind invitation to speak at the meeting.

The author of the UN Secretary General launched the Academic Impact Program and the UN Language Day activities aimed at expanding

UN influence. I will continue to support the work of the Committee on Information

and strengthen cooperation in various fields with the Secretariat in particular.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.