

## **Statement by Mr. Yuriy Khomenko, Representative of Ukraine (27 April 2004)**

Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, my delegation would like to thank Under-Secretary-General Shashi Tharoor for providing an update on the activities of the Department of Public Information (DPI) at the beginning of this session and valuable interactive dialogue initiated by the Department between DPI and the members of this Committee. I would also like to express our sincere appreciation for the hard work of all DPI staff which led to achieving a considerable progress in reforming UN activities in the field of public information.

Ukrainian delegation would also like to pay tribute to Madam Therese Gastaut, the Director of DPI's Strategic Communication Division and the Secretary of this Committee and Ms. Phyllis Dickstein, the Head Librarian of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library, and thank them for valuable contribution to the work at the Committee and DPI, and wish them well for their retirement.



I thank you, Mr. Chairman.