



Mr. Chairman,

Our delegation continues to underscore the great importance of the activities of the United Nations Information Centres (UNICs). Their role of enhancing the public image of the UN and disseminating UN messages to the people, particularly in our developing countries, continues to be relevant and even more vital.

We believe that effective utilization of UNICs will continue promoting public awareness of and mobilize support for the work of the United Nations at the local level, bearing in mind that information transmitted, particularly in local languages, produces the strongest impact on local populations due to their ability to easily comprehend.

In this regard, we wish to reiterate that any further rationalization of the network of UNICs should be undertaken on a case-

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.