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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. Chairman,

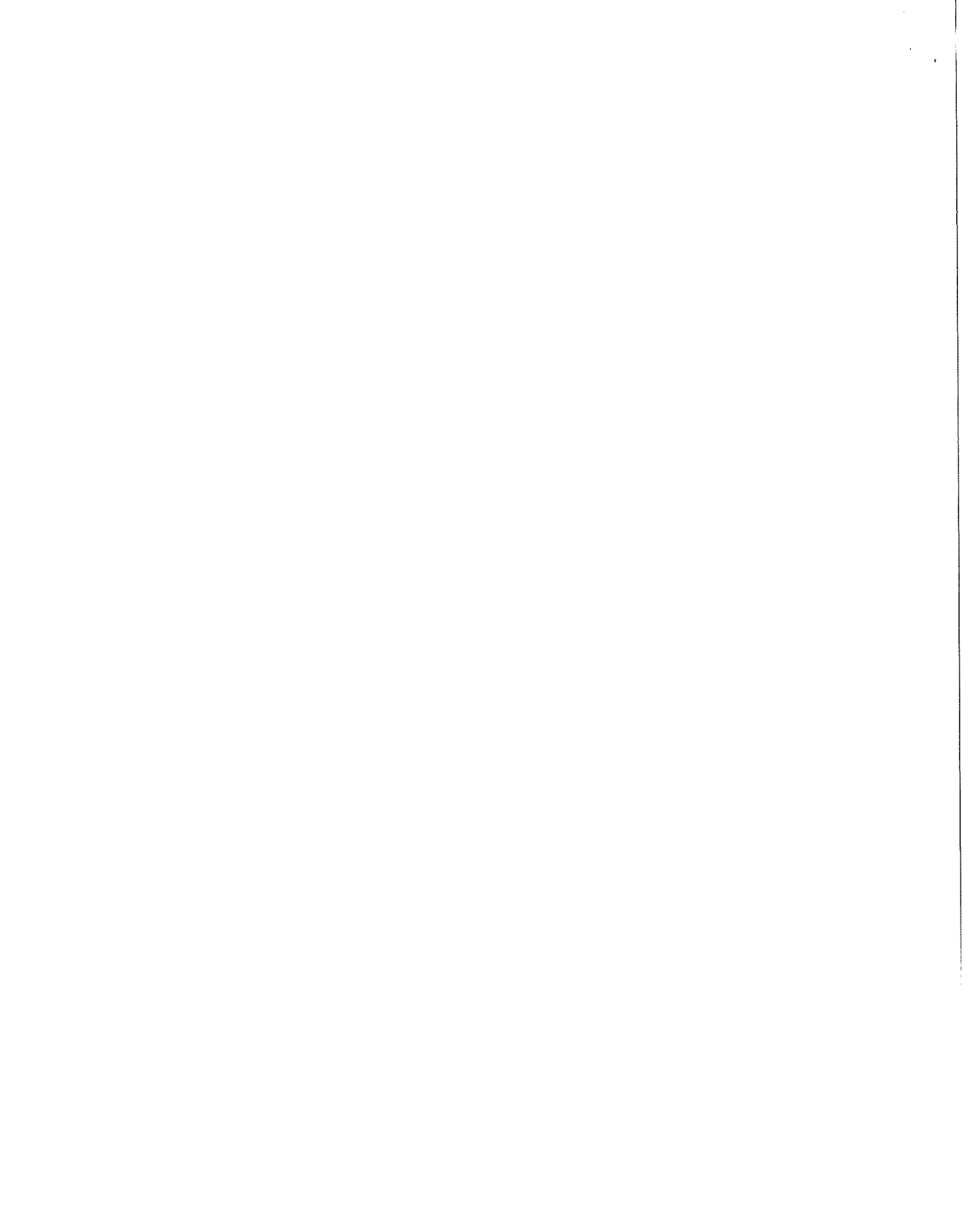
At the outset, I would like to join previous speakers in expressing my confidence in your able leadership and guidance in the work of this Committee on Information and to deliver constructive outcomes.

I would also like to thank Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Mr. Akasaka for his comprehensive and useful statement.

My delegation associates itself with the statements made by the 77 and China.

Mr. Chairman,

The General Assembly resolution 34/182 stresses the primary role of the Assembly in elaborating, coordinating and harmonizing United Nations policies and activities in the field of information towards the establishment of a new, more just and more effective world information and communication order. This resolution also entrusts the Committee on Information with the



dub, inter alia, to promote the establishment of a comprehensive, free and effective world information and communication system, based on freedom, speed and efficiency.

collaboration between the COI and DPI.

Mr. Chairman,

United Nations on important issues such as UN reform, attainment of the civilizations and culture of peace, respect for religious, cultural and historical values. We, especially, appreciate the DPI's efforts in addressing negative consequences of criminal acts such as occupation, aggression and other forms of gross violation of international humanitarian and human rights laws, although we believe that there is still a lot to do in this regard.

In this context, I would like to draw attention to the humanitarian situation of the innocent Palestinian civilian population who have been under occupation and since for many years have been living under absolute worst living conditions. It is incumbent upon DPI to embark on more extensive public awareness raising activities on this issue with a view to shed more light on the negative impacts of the occupation on humanitarian situation in the occupied Palestinian territories.

Mr. Chairman,

Beyond any doubt, in this age of information technology, the power of information and media bears no merit and importance.

the rapid advances in information and communication technologies more involving and easier access to information through the use of various old and new technologies has become an established practice of different societies. Information is a dynamic force for cross-cultural understanding, education and broader participation by people in the decisions affecting their lives. We emphasize on the continuation of the implementation of a new world information and communication order. In this regard, we believe that a code of conduct has to be designed to regulate the flow of information, bearing in mind the advances made in satellite broadcasting and the new media including the internet.

Media is not only a means for information sharing. Unfortunately, it is also a very effective and powerful tool for the advancement of expansionist policies and promotion of certain cultures to the detriment of other nations with different social and cultural backgrounds. It is widely abused for the advancement of political and military hegemony and materialization of

under the pretext of democracy and freedom of information

A key issue to address in this regard, is that freedom of information and

political accountability in the political and economic spheres of power,

foreign manipulation of political and social processes, and the struggle against

news media sources

of the field. We continue to believe that the issue of the information

should be made available to all members of the international community,

and the developing world should be able to enhance its infrastructure to allow

and to enjoy a self-sustained and independent media.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation should not fail to commend DPI for its efforts in the field
of multilingualism. We have always supported the Department's endeavors to
of multilingualism in all its activities. In this regard, I would encourage the

Persian language, which is a unique source of integrity and solidarity among many nations.

DPI's intention to increase its audience by expanding its reach through various technologies and media, particularly through the use of the Internet, is a commendable one. However, the Committee should be aware that the Internet is not a panacea for all people, requiring, as education, the necessary infrastructure and resources.

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Department in this regard if relevant to the work of the Department. The Department's reaction to the questions and concerns made in this regard is as follows:

valuable efforts in utilizing such technologies. The Department is currently conveying the UN messages to the people in their local languages.

A/AC.198/2010/2 in which he has mentioned that UNICs are now able to reach larger segments of the public in the countries where they are located, producing information material in more local languages including Persian. We reiterate the importance of dissemination of information in local languages and encourage DPI to allocate more resources and technical facilities to it.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, I would like to assure you and the distinguished members of the Committee of my delegation's support to the work of the UN in the field of information.

Thank you

