

Merci Monsieur le President [*in French*],

At the outset, I wish to congratulate you and extend our wishes for a very successful meeting of the Committee on Information. My delegation extends to you and the Bureau our full support and cooperation to the work of the Commission.

My delegation would also like to extend our appreciation to Under-Secretary-General Akasaka for his statement and his work on behalf of the United Nations system. Similarly, I wish to congratulate the entire DPI team for their extensive work, professional standards, commitment, and dedication.

My delegation also expresses its appreciation for the cooperation that exists between members of the Committee on Information and the DPI and Committee Secretariat. In this regard, we welcome the reports of the Secretary-General, entitled “Activities of the Department of Public Information,” all of which highlight key advancements made by the DPI to promote the work of the United Nations to a global audience.

Mr. Chairman,

Information is no longer contained by traditional borders and boundaries. It is precisely why Israel supports the DPI as it expands into new mediums and technologies to reach an ever-increasing number of people. Israel applauds the DPI’s flexible approach and innovative use of technology to serve the international community.

In this regard, my delegation applauds efforts to increase the number of non-governmental organizations that participate in DPI programs and events. Increased engagement and coordination with partners within the United Nations system introduces new segments of society to the important work of the United Nations.

In reaching new audiences, Israel is particularly encouraged by the first-ever Global Model United Nations Conference. The Mission of Israel in New York has played an active role meeting and briefing Model UN delegations, and we are pleased to see the DPI encouraging young people to engage and to learn about the important issues related to peace, security, human rights, and development.

As the DPI reaches out to an increasing share of civil society and young people, Israel is honored to participate and contribute to thematic DPI functions that serve to inform, educate, and inspire. One such event was the second annual World Autism Awareness Day.

As part of this event, a special DPI evening brought together the Israel Society for Autistic Children with the Permanent Mission of Israel, as well as leading experts and political figures to better understand autism. Israel commends the DPI for this activity and we will gladly participate in similar efforts in the future.



Mr. Chairman,

As in the past, Israel remains concerned about one particular information program. The Palestinian Information Programme is based upon an anti-Israel resolution that focuses on a specific conflict. Furthermore, my delegation is concerned by the fact that the work