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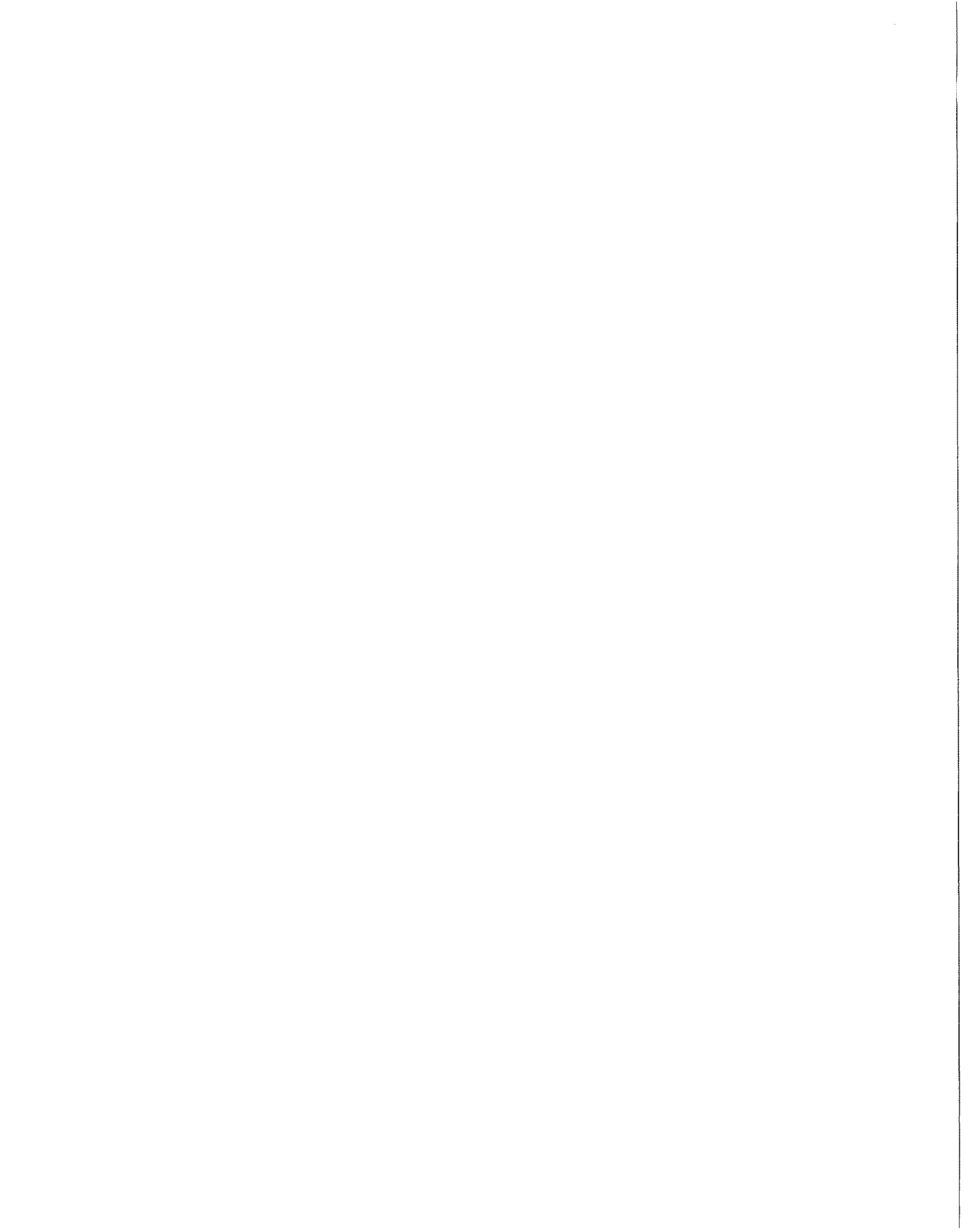
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Mr. Chairman

My delegation is pleased to see you presiding over the 32nd Session of the Committee on Information. We welcome the returning members of the Bureau, Mr. M. Ghisla

Isiskarashvili of Georgia who was elected as Vice-Chairman for the 32nd Session, to

replace Mr. Imeli Chikvashvili who served this Committee with distinction.

We thank the Secretary-General for the numerous initiatives and the activities of the Department of Public Information in the areas of strategic communications, services, news services and outreach activities contained in documents A/AC.196/2010/2-4.

Jamaica associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Yemen on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. We will however address a number of issues of critical importance to my delegation.

Mr. Chairman

My delegation wishes to recognize the efforts of the entire DPI staff and the staff of Under-Secretary General Kiyo Akasaka, for their efforts in ensuring that the message of the UN continues to reach all persons across the globe. The support of the global citizenship is critical to ensuring the continued success of the Organisation's efforts in its three priority areas: development, peace and security and human rights.

We also wish to express our gratitude to the Secretary-General and his team for the extremely useful and informative interactive briefing session held yesterday. This annual feature of the Committee on Information is a testament to the spirit of *neutrality* that continues to underpin the relationship between this Committee and the DPI.

Mr. Chairman

In recent years, the DPI has undertaken a number of new initiatives to educate young people in particular, about the aims and activities of the Organisation, including using popular social networking internet sites such as Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, and YouTube.

At the same time, we welcome the expansion of traditional face-to-face interaction between the Organisation and young people particularly through the organization of

the annualisation of the Global Model UN as well as the decision to start this in 2010, regarding the Model UN. We hope that this will encourage wide participation of students from both developed and developing countries.

Mr. Chairman

In the annual resolutions adopted by this Committee, we acknowledge the existing

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collaboration with the relevant entities, to include 'bridging the digital divide' among the topics for its seminar series in the coming months. Such seminars could significantly contribute to sharing best practices on innovative measures being undertaken by individual Member States, and international organizations, to improve the spread and utilisation of ICT.

Mr. Chairman

Since 2007, the DPII has been working with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and

transatlantic dialogue table here at UN Headquarters, a project which is scheduled to be

contribution as a member of the Permanent Memorial Committee

The initiative is now entering a critical stage, where, under the guidance of UNESCO, the international design competition will be launched, within a short period of time. We

Mr. Chairman,

During the debate in the Fourth Committee of the 64th Session on the agenda item: Questions relating to Information, my delegation, while reaffirming our continued commitment to nuclear disarmament and expressing support for the 'We Must Disarm' Campaign, called on the DPI to also focus on the issue of the proliferation of small arms and light weapons and ammunition, and their negative impact on individuals, communities and the development prospects of countries worldwide. Our call has been substantiated by the findings of the survey of the 2004 World Disarmament Conference, in which 80% of NGOs reported that conventional weapons disarmament was of particular relevance to their constituents.

In this context, we reiterate our call for greater focus to be paid to this issue, in order to raise awareness, generate momentum and support ahead of the forthcoming 10th

and Light Weapons

In closing Mr. Chairman, as we look toward another World Peacekeepers Day, we pay tribute to those journalists across the world who lost their lives in the course of their duties.

I thank you

