





the... information centres in the context of the programme budget. The United Nations... Group of 77 and China wishes to underline that any decision pertaining to the UNICEF must be made in close consultation with the host countries and take into account the geographical, linguistic and technological characters and needs of different regions.

12. The Group of 77 and China welcomes the resolution A/RES/64/241 adopted by the General Assembly which decided to establish the United Nations Office for the Advancement of Information and Communication in the field of information and communication. The Group requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures for its prompt establishment and to report on its progress made in this regard.

Mr. Chairman,

13. The Internet in recent years has undergone explosive growth. The United Nations website is now available in 110 languages. This reflects the concern expressed in the Secretary-General's report on the new services provided by the Department of Public Information. The Group states the same concern expressed in the Secretary-General's report on the new services provided by the Department of Public Information. The Group states the same concern expressed in the Secretary-General's report on the new services provided by the Department of Public Information.

14. At the same time, the Group emphasizes the importance of the main message of the United Nations in the field of information and communication. In developing countries, the Group also continues to underscore the importance of the main message of the United Nations in the field of information and communication.

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I thank you.

