

Statement by Mr. Boris N. Malakhov, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (25 April 2006)

Dear Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the Russian delegation let me thank you for skilfully guiding the work of the Committee. I would also like to express my gratitude to Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information Shashi Tharoor for the constructive and substantive statement at the first meeting containing strategy and main results of the work done by the Department of Public Information (DPI) in the area of information.

The past year of 2005, the anniversary year for the Organization, has clearly demonstrated the demand for a systematic and long-term information policy covering the UN activities. Providing clear, comprehensive and quality information illustrating the work of the Organization is the main task ahead of the DPI at this stage. Interaction of the DPI with all the institutions of the Organization is the precondition for effective work and successful implementation of the tasks set before the Department.

The Secretary-General's reports submitted to the Committee reflect the significant work done to implement the recommendations of the UN Committee on Information in all priority areas. The Russian delegation positively assesses many of the results achieved by the DPI during the process, initiated by the Secretary-General, of reorienting the Department's activities following the recommendations of the General Assembly in its [resolution 56/253](#).

Today we can say that the process of the Department's reform on the whole went in the right

the UN web-site in all official languages of the Organization. We would like to specially mention the successful work of the Russian web-site. Today more than 300 million people in the world speak Russian. Therefore, one can hardly overestimate the importance of all forums of the information in Russian illustrating the UN activities. It can be proved not only with the figures contained in the reports, which show an increase in visits of the Russian web

We support the ongoing process of the reform and tangible results achieved in the new

DPI to a great extent is based upon these glorious traditions of the United Nations, combining the basic principles of the Organization with new breakthrough ideas.

Thank you.

(Unofficial translation)