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Mr. Chairman,

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including the illegal trafficking of arms and the global problem of narcotic drug

We recognize the efforts by the DPI to continue strengthening its interaction with other organs of the United Nations System, particularly the close cooperation with the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support, as well as broadening an understanding of activities relative to peacekeeping and peacebuilding.

Similarly, we welcome the intense work in the area of information and promotion by the DPI and the United Nations Information Centers. Our Group considers that the work of the 63 Information Centers, their services and information components provided throughout the world are essential due to the invaluable promotion of a better understanding of the work of the United Nations. We encourage the DPI to continue supporting them through the effective use of the resources available.

Mr. Chairman,

One of the most valuable goals of the Rio Group, which has been expressed constantly to this Committee, is to achieve parity among the six official languages of the United Nations, on a basis of equality. In this context, we are concerned that there have not been advances in the emission of press

Multilingualism is inherently associated with the United Nations, due to the nature, reach, and goals of the Organization.

The Rio Group recognizes the results of the effort by the DPI to promote accessibility to people with disabilities to the services of the United Nations.