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undermining their mandate. We note efforts by DPI to improve synergy between headquarters and the field and we encourage continued efforts in this regard. Furthermore, we encourage DPI to continue to incorporate new media technologies that enable DPI to disseminate UN information in a cost effective and efficient manner.

Our delegation remains committed to streamlining the resolution at the conclusion of the Committee on Information. Streamlining this resolution —in a holistic manner — would go a long way towards providing DPI with guidance that it needs and deserves from member states.

Mr. Chairman,

On Sunday May 3rd, World Press Freedom Day was commemorated around the world. Freedom of the press, a cornerstone of American democracy, is enshrined in our Constitution's Bill of Rights. We strongly believe that a free press is fundamental for true democracy. For this particular body — the Committee on Information — it is important that we recall the Universal Declaration of Human Rights' affirmation in Article 19 that "everyone has the right to freedom of expr

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