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*In the Name of God the Compassionate the Merciful*

**Madam Chair,**

Let me begin by congratulating you on your assumption of the Chairmanship of the Committee and wish you and the members of the Bureau a successful and fruitful work at this session. I am convinced that under your outstanding leadership, this session will achieve productive results. I would also like to thank Mr. Peter Launsky Tiefertal, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information for his comprehensive and informative presentation on the activities and strategies of the Department of Public Information (DPI).

My delegation associates itself with the statement made by the distinguished Permanent Representative of Fiji on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

United Nations organs, especially DPI, to play its effective role in promoting and protecting the right to freedom of opinions and expression.

My delegation would like to take this opportunity to refer to the serious deterioration of the humanitarian and economic situation of the innocent Palestinian people and to emphasize the important responsibility of DPI in raising international awareness regarding the question of Palestine, with a view to shed more light on the negative impacts of the illegitimate occupation on humanitarian situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

My delegation continue to note the important role the DPI plays in propagating the culture of dialogue among civilization. We believe that promoting the dialogue among civilizations and cultures will tremendously increase the understanding among people, and to this end we call upon the DPI to continue to encourage and facilitate dialogue among civilizations and to formulate ways and means to promote this concept in the activities of the United Nations in various fields, based on the relevant UNGA resolution. In this regard, we look forward to the report of the Secretary-General requested by the General Assembly resolutions 60/4 of 20 October 2005 and 67/124 of 18 December 2012.

We also encourage the Department of Public Information and its network of United Nations Information Centers to raise awareness of the relevance of the High Level Meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament, to be held on 26 September 2013, in New York, which is going to be the first High Level Meeting of the General Assembly dedicated to this issue.

**Madam Chair,**

The work of the UN Information Centers around the world in disseminating information, in particular about the UN system, is of paramount importance. Today 63 United Nations Information Centers are operating throughout the world, including in the Islamic Republic of Iran. The role of these information centers has been particularly effective in developing countries where they have played a critical role in enhancing access to information on events in the wider international community, and in helping to narrow the technological gap. Close consultation and better coordination between UNICs and the host countries, provision of new information and communication technologies and allocation of adequate resources to these