Press Release

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Mr. Chairman,

The delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea congratulates you on your election as the Chair of the 37th Session of the Committee on Information, as well as the other members of the bureau. I hope that the work of this session will be successful under your able leadership.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement made by South Africa yesterday on behalf of the G77 and China.

Mr. Chairman,

The DPRK highly appreciates that the DPI is taking positive measures to revitalize the work of public information on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the UN founding.

Such measures become the main tool for the international community to be aware of UN activities more extensively and comprehensively.

My delegation hopes that the activities of DPI will be further promoted.

In this regard, my delegation would like to underline its view that the activities of public information should not be merely the technical ones.
As well known, rapid development of technology and means in public information and communications has now a great impact on every aspect of political, social, economic, cultural and all other areas.

Although this development has made not a few contribution to human development, it also brings about abnormal phenomena such as dissemination of antagonism and hostility on the other hand.

The main reason why we are highlighting this point is that there is a concern of political purpose being inserted into the activities of public information.

The activities of UN public information should entirely serve all member states of the United Nations equally and impartially.

We witness phenomena that certain countries pursue their own political interests, taking advantages of their monopolies of modern public information technology and means.

For example, the United States is waging psychological warfare through their patronized propaganda machine such as "Radio Free Asia" against independent countries who are not on good terms with the US in order to undermine and disintegrate the internal systems of those countries.

As has been reportedly, President Obama of the United States publicly talked about the collapse of the DPRK by means of internet.

We demand that this type of act and phenomena must not be infiltrated into the activities of UN public information.

That is why we would like to highlight this issue, in particular, on this occasion.

The DPRK will, as ever, support the DPI efforts for facilitating peace and security, social unity and sustainable development around the world and fully cooperate with its works.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.