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## Committee on Information

### Forty-third session

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Agenda item 10

### Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session

## Draft report of the Committee on Information

### Chapter I

#### Introduction

1. In its resolution [34/182](#), the General Assembly decided to maintain the Committee to Review United Nations Public Information Policies and Activities, established by its resolution [33/115](#) C, which would henceforth be known as the Committee on Information, and to increase its membership from 41 to 66. In section I, paragraph 2, of resolution [34/182](#), the Assembly requested the Committee:

(a) To continue to examine United Nations public information policies and activities, in the light of the evolution of international relations, particularly during the previous two decades, and of the imperatives of the establishment of the new international economic order and of a new world information and communication order;

(b) To evaluate and follow up the efforts made and the progress achieved by the United Nations system in the field of information and communications;

(c) To promote the establishment of a new, more just and more effective world information and communication order intended to strengthen peace and international understanding and based on the free circulation and wider and better balanced dissemination of information and to make recommendations thereon to the General Assembly.

2. The Assembly also requested the Committee and the Secretary-General to report to it at its thirty-fifth session.

3. The General Assembly, from its thirty-sixth to seventy-fifth sessions, took note of the reports of the Committee and adopted resolutions by consensus. At its seventy-fifth session, the Assembly took note of the report of the Committee and adopted by consensus resolutions [75/101](#) A and B.



4. Currently, the Committee is composed of the following Member States:

Algeria	Finland
Angola	France
Antigua and Barbuda	Gabon
Argentina	Georgia
Armenia	Germany
Austria	Ghana
Azerbaijan	Greece
Bangladesh	Guatemala
Belarus	Guinea
Belgium	Guyana
Belize	Honduras
Benin	Hungary
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Iceland
Brazil	India
Bulgaria	Indonesia
Burkina Faso	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Burundi	Iraq
Cabo Verde	Ireland
Chile	Israel
China	Italy
Colombia	Jamaica
Congo	Japan
Costa Rica	Jordan
Côte d'Ivoire	Kazakhstan
Croatia	Kenya
Cuba	Latvia
Cyprus	Lebanon
Czechia	Liberia
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Libya
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Luxembourg
Denmark	Madagascar
Dominican Republic	Malta
Ecuador	Mexico
Egypt	Monaco
El Salvador	Mongolia
Ethiopia	Morocco

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Mozambique	South Africa
Nepal	Spain
Netherlands	Sri Lanka
Niger	Sudan
Nigeria	Suriname
Oman	Switzerland
Pakistan	Syrian Arab Republic
Paraguay	Thailand
Peru	Togo
Philippines	Trinidad and Tobago
Poland	Tunisia
Portugal	Turkey
Qatar	Ukraine
Republic of Korea	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Republic of Moldova	United Republic of Tanzania
Romania	United States of America
Russian Federation	Uruguay
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Saudi Arabia	Viet Nam
Senegal	Yemen
Sierra Leone	Zambia
Singapore	Zimbabwe
Slovakia	
Solomon Islands	
Somalia	

## Chapter II

### Organizational questions

#### A. Opening of the session

5. The organizational meeting of the forty-third session of the Committee on Information was held on 26 April 2021 at United Nations Headquarters. The session was opened by the Chair of the Committee, Omar Hilale (Morocco).

#### B. Elections

6. The Committee held elections for a new Bureau for a two-year term. Upon his nomination by the representative of the Latin American and Caribbean States, Christian Espinosa (Ecuador) was elected Chair, by acclamation. Upon their nomination by the representatives of the Asia-Pacific States and the Western European and other States, Angelito Nayan (Philippines) and Darren Camilleri (Malta), respectively, were elected Vice-Chairs, by acclamation. Mr. Camilleri was also elected Rapporteur, by acclamation. The Committee deferred the election of two other Vice-Chairs pending consultations within, and nomination by, the African States and the Eastern European States. The officers of the Committee for the period 2021–2023 are as follows:

*Chair:*

Christian Espinosa (Ecuador)

*Vice-Chairs:*

Darren Camilleri (Malta)

Angelito Nayan (Philippines)

*Rapporteur:*

Darren Camilleri (Malta)

#### C. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

7. At its organizational meeting, on 26 April 2021, the Committee adopted the agenda and programme of work ([A/AC.198/2021/1](#)). The agenda is as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work.
4. Admission of new members.
5. Statement by the Chair.
6. Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications.
7. General debate.
8. Consideration of reports submitted by the Secretary-General.
9. Open-ended working group of the Committee on Information.
10. Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session.

8. The Committee held its general debate on 26 and 27 April. On 26 April, in the afternoon, the Department of Global Communications, led by the Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications, Melissa Fleming, held an informal interactive dialogue with Member States.

9. For its consideration of agenda item 8, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Department of Global Communications: strategic communications services ([A/AC.198/2021/2](#));

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Department of Global Communications: news services ([A/AC.198/2021/3](#));

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Department of Global Communications: outreach and knowledge services ([A/AC.198/2021/4](#)).

#### **D. Admission of new members**

10. Latvia joined the Committee as a member during the forty-third session.

#### **E. Observers**

11. The State of Palestine, the European Union, the International Organization of la Francophonie and the League of Arab States participated in the session as observers.

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