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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 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 past 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”

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

2. The General Assembly, from its thirty-sixth to sixty-seventh sessions, took note of the reports of the Committee and adopted consensus resolutions. At its sixty-eighth session, the Assembly took note of the report of the Committee and adopted consensus resolutions 86 A and B.

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

Algeria	Benin
Angola	Brazil
Antigua and Barbuda	Bulgaria
Argentina	Burkina Faso
Armenia	Burundi
Austria	Cabo Verde
Azerbaijan	Chile
Bangladesh	China
Belarus	Colombia
Belgium	Congo
Belize	Costa Rica

Côte d'Ivoire	Italy
Croatia	Jamaica
Cuba	Japan
Cyprus	Jordan
Czech Republic	Kazakhstan
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Kenya
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Lebanon
Denmark	Liberia
Dominican Republic	Libya
Ecuador	Luxembourg
Egypt	Madagascar
El Salvador	Malta
Ethiopia	Mexico
Finland	Monaco
France	Mongolia
Gabon	Morocco
Georgia	Mozambique
Germany	Nepal
Ghana	Netherlands
Greece	Niger
Guatemala	Nigeria
Guinea	Oman
Guyana	Pakistan
Hungary	Peru
Iceland	Philippines
India	Poland
Indonesia	Portugal
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Qatar
Ireland	Republic of Korea
Israel	Republic of Moldova

Romania	Thailand
Russian Federation	Togo
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Trinidad and Tobago
Saudi Arabia	Tunisia
Senegal	Turkey
Sierra Leone	Ukraine
Singapore	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Slovakia	United Republic of Tanzania
Solomon Islands	United States of America
Somalia	Uruguay
South Africa	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Spain	Viet Nam
Sri Lanka	Yemen
Sudan	Zambia
Suriname	Zimbabwe
Switzerland	
Syrian Arab Republic	

II. Organizational questions

A. Opening of the session

4. The organizational meeting of the thirty-sixth session of the Committee on Information was held on 28 April 2014 at United Nations Headquarters. The session was opened by the Chair of the Committee, Lyutha al-Mughairy (Oman).

B. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

5. At its organizational meeting, on 28 April, the Committee adopted the following agenda and programme of work ([A/AC.198/2014/1](#)):

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work.
3. Admission of new members.
4. Statement by the Chair.

5. Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information.
 6. General debate.
 7. Consideration of reports submitted by the Secretary-General.
 8. Open-ended working group of the Committee on Information.
 9. Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session.
6. The Committee held its general debate on 28 and 29 April 2014. On 28 April, in the afternoon, the Department of Public Information, led by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, held an interactive dialogue with Member States.
7. For its consideration of agenda item 6, the Committee had before it the following documents:
- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Department of Public Information: strategic communications services ([A/AC.198/2014/2](#));
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Department of Public Information: news services ([A/AC.198/2014/3](#));
 - (c) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Department of Public Information: outreach and knowledge services ([A/AC.198/2014/4](#));
 - (d) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017, Part two: biennial programme plan, Programme 24, Public information ([A/69/6 \(Prog. 24\)](#)).

C. Observers

8. Iraq and the Plurinational State of Bolivia took part in the session as observers. The Holy See; the State of Palestine; the European Union; the International Organization of the Francophonie; and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization also participated in the session as observers.
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