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24 April 2006

Opening of the session

The session will be opened by the Chairman of the Committee on Information.

Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The provisional agenda has been prepared on the basis of consultations among the members of the Bureau of the Committee on Information.

Statement by the Chairman

The Chairman will address the Committee at its opening meeting.

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Admission of new members

The Committee will consider requests for membership in the Committee on Information.

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information will address the Committee at its opening meeting to provide an update on the activities of the Department and report on the implementation of the recommendations contained in General Assembly resolutions 60/109 A and B of 8 December 2005.

24-26 April 2006

General debate and consideration of substantive questions¹

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on continued rationalization of the network of United Nations information centres (A/AC.198/2006/1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the modernization and integrated management of United Nations libraries: update on new strategic directions (A/AC.198/2006/2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations website: recent developments and progress towards parity among the official languages (A/AC.198/2006/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on assessing the effectiveness of United Nations public information products and activities: the results of a three-year evaluation project (A/AC.198/2006/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Department of Public Information (A/AC.198/2006/5)

27 April-4 May 2006

Open-ended working group of the Committee on Information

The Secretariat will require a 48-hour period to process the draft report of the Committee in all official languages.

3 May 2006

Commemoration of World Press Freedom Day

The General Assembly, by its decision 48/432 of 20 December 1993, declared 3 May as World Press Freedom Day. The Department of Public Information will commemorate the Day with a panel discussion. Please note that this is not an official meeting of the Committee on Information.

5 May 2006

Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session

Notes

¹ The following wording for the sub-items of the general debate is based on General Assembly resolution 34/182 of 18 December 1979:

- (a) Promotion of the establishment of a new, more just and more effective world information and communications order intended to strengthen peace and international understanding and based on the free circulation and wider and better balanced dissemination of information;
- (b) Continuation of the examination of United Nations public information policies and activities, in the light of the evolution of international relations, and the need to establish the new international economic order and the new world information and communications order;
- (c) Evaluation and follow-up of the efforts made and the progress achieved by the United Nations system in the field of information and communications.