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functional and active. Bangladesh stands ready to extend every possible support in this endeavour.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation is pleased to note the adoption by the General Assembly of the Committee's recommendation to recognize and incorporate the observance of International Mother Language Day on 21 February within the framework of the resolution on questions relating to information in its resolution 65/107 of 10 December 2010, the General Assembly requests the Department of Public Information to raise awareness of 21 February as International Mother Language Day, which is being observed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and Member States throughout the world in a befitting manner. I take this opportunity to thank COI colleagues for their unanimous endorsement of this proposal. In the view of my delegation, the adoption of this resolution confers upon DPI an additional responsibility to observe International Mother Language Day in a befitting manner. While it is the primary responsibility of Member States, the leadership role of DPI in this regard is crucial. We hope that an annual observance of the Day will be planned at the Headquarters with the participation of senior UN officials. We know the personal commitment of Under-Secretary-General Akasaka to multilingualism. We believe, your guidance and leadership role in this area will generate greater forum for Member States, civil society and educational institutions. My delegation stands ready to support you, Mr. Akasaka, in any way possible.

My delegation would like to thank DPI for their assistance in celebrating fourth

training for its media personnel. We note with appreciation DPI's continuing emphasis on media training through its Reham Al Farra training program. The media training for Palestinian journalists is also an important ongoing effort, and we thank DPI for its careful and judicious approach in imparting hands-on training to these media personnel. Before I conclude Mr. Chairman, let me reiterate once again our support for the DPI and F1 2 Tf raa