

65th SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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**Statement by
Ambassador Haim Waxman**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

At the outset, I wish to congratulate you on your election as Chairman of the 33rd session of the Committee on Information, and wish you much success in guiding our work.

My delegation would also like to extend our appreciation to Under-Secretary-General Akasaka for his statement and his work on behalf of the United Nations system. We welcome the reports of the Secretary-General, entitled "Activities of the Department of Public Information," which highlight key advancements made by the DPI to promote the work of the United Nations around the world.

Mr. Chairman,

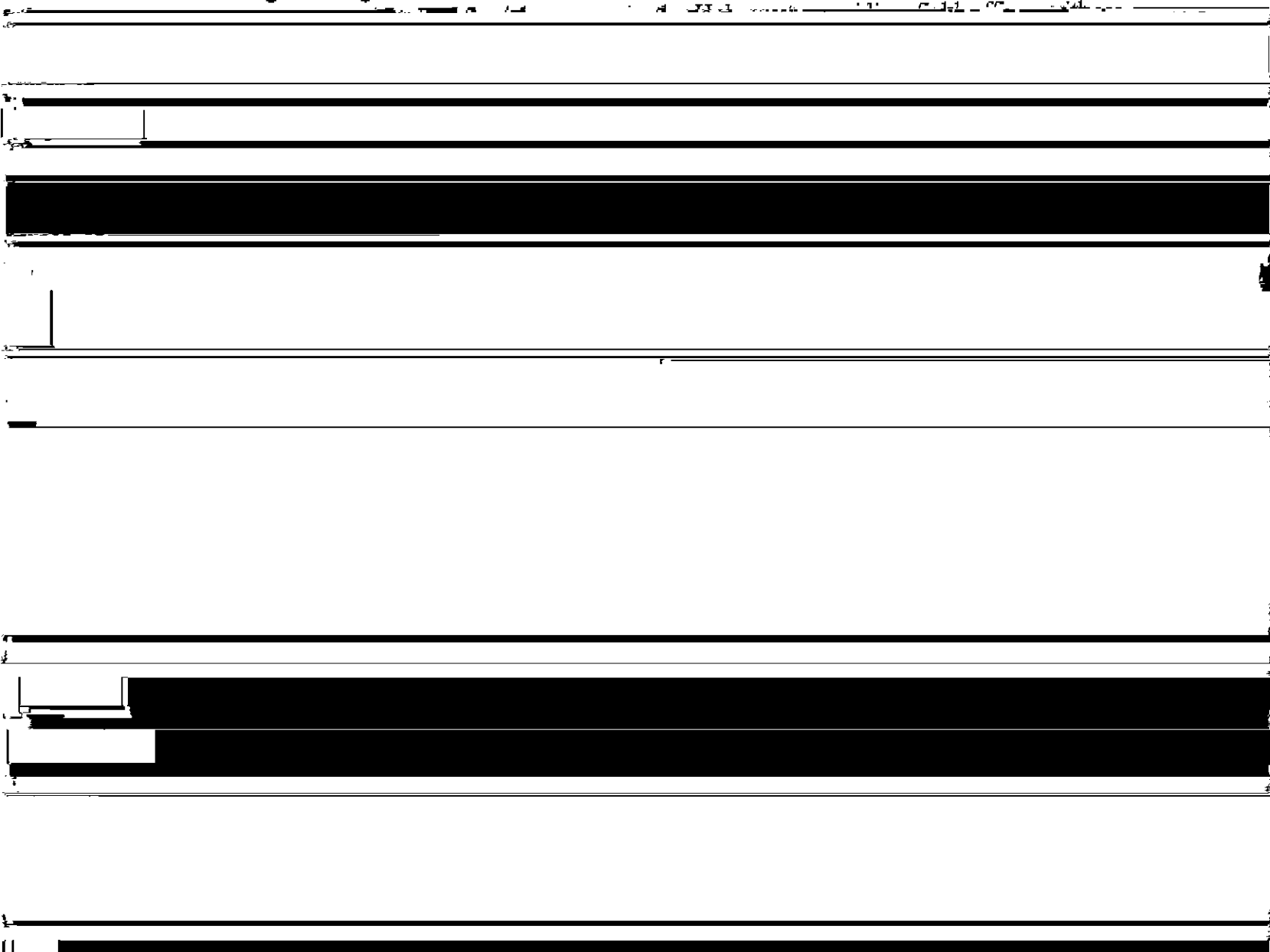
The advent of new technologies has transformed the communications landscape, facilitating the rapid dissemination of information. We continue to witness how new tools

Mr. Chairman,

This year the DPI hosted the sixth Annual International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. The observance of this day not only honors the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust, it also helps the United Nations to transmit critical lessons about the dangers of hate, racism, and xenophobia in all of their forms.

Israel is encouraged by the wide range of work that the Holocaust Outreach Program continues to perform.

With the support of this program, there has been an expansion of the scope of remembrance activities that are carried out in UN Information Centers around the world – and significant growth in the audiences that are reached. This year the outreach program



I wish to reiterate that Israel would be willing to engage in the formulation of a more constructive and balanced resolution to mandate future activities. Such a resolution must be aimed at the promotion of peace education, tolerance, mutual understanding, and the prevention of incitement.

Mr. Chairman,

Israel is proud to have served as a member of the Committee on Information for a number of years and looks forward to participating in this year's discussion. We remain committed to the productive and cooperative work of the DPI and a positive outcome to our deliberations.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.