



principles, including the principle of land for peace, the Arab Peace Initiative and the

Great Wall of China

My delegation highly commends the Department of Public Information, especially the Palestine Section, for carrying out a number of activities in connection with the Special Information Programme on the Question of Palestine, as detailed in the report of the Secretary-General (A/AC.198/2011/2), including the organization of the International Media Seminar on Peace in the Middle East, held in Lisbon in July 2010, which focused on the important role being played by the media locally, regionally and internationally in shaping public opinion and mobilizing support for the peace process. In this connection, we reiterate our gratitude and appreciation to the Government of Portugal for hosting this important seminar. We look forward to the next seminar to be held in Budapest, Republic of Hungary, in July this year.

We also commend the DPI for its efforts with regard to the permanent exhibit on the Question of Palestine at the United Nations Headquarters in New York and at the United Nations Office in Geneva. We also reaffirm the importance of the DPI's work in the development of the archives of films and videotape documentaries on the history of the Question of Palestine by using the method of digitalization which will be useful for the information of the general public, researchers, academic institutions and others.

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My delegation attaches much importance to the DPI's continued provision of assistance to the Palestinian people in the field of media development through the annual training programme for Palestinian broadcasters and journalists from the Occupied Palestinian Territory. This training contributes to strengthening the media skills and



