Committee on Information

Forty-fifth session

24 April–4 May 2023

Agenda item 11

Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session

Chapter II

Organizational questions

A. Opening of the session

1. The organizational meeting of the forty-fifth session of the Committee was held on 24 April 2023 at Headquarters. The session was opened by Andrés Montalvo Sosa, Deputy Permanent Representative (Ecuador).

B. Elections

2. The Committee held elections for a new Bureau for a two-year term. Upon his nomination by the Asia-Pacific States,  
Mohammad Aamir Khan (Pakistan) was elected Chair, by acclamation. Upon the information received by the Eastern European States, Ivars Liepnieks (Latvia) was elected as one of the Vice-Chairs. Also, upon their nomination by the  African States and the Western European and other States, Vero Henintsoa Andriamiarisoa (Madagascar) and Ludovica Murazzani (Italy), respectively, were elected Vice-Chairs, by acclamation. Finally, upon her nomination by the delegation of El Salvador, as part of the Latin American and Caribbean States, Liliana Verónica Baños Müller (El Salvador) was also elected, acclamation, Vice-Chair and Rapporteur of the Committee. The officers of the Committee for the period 2023–2024 are as follows:

*Chair*:  
Mohammad Aamir Khan (Pakistan)

*Vice-Chairs*:  
Liliana Veronica Baños Müller (El Salvador)

Ivars Liepnieks (Latvia)  
Vero Henintsoa Andriamiarisoa (Madagascar)

*Rapporteur*:  
Liliana Veronica Baños Müller (El Salvador)

D. Admission of new members

3. Estonia joined the Committee as a member during the forty-fifth session.

C. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

4. At its organizational meeting, on 24 April 2023, the Committee adopted the agenda and programme of work ([A/AC.198/2023/1](https://undocs.org/en/A/AC.198/2023/1)). The agenda is as follows:

1. Opening of the session.

2. Election of officers.

3. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work.

4. Admission of new members.

5. Statement by the Chair.

6. Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications.

7. Informal interactive meeting of the Committee.

8. General debate.

9. Consideration of reports submitted by the Secretary-General.

10. Open-ended working group of the Committee on Information.

11. Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session.

5. The Committee held its general debate on 25 and 26 April. On 24 April, in the morning, the Department of Global Communications, led by the Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications, Melissa Fleming, held an informal interactive meeting with Member States.

6. For its consideration of agenda item 9, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Department of Global Communications: campaigns and country operations services ([A/AC.198/2023/2](https://undocs.org/en/A/AC.198/2023/2));

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Department of Global Communications: news services ([A/AC.198/2023/3](https://undocs.org/en/A/AC.198/2023/3));

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Department of Global Communications: outreach and knowledge services ([A/AC.198/2023/4](https://undocs.org/en/A/AC.198/2023/4)).

E. Observers

11. The State of Palestine, the European Union, the International Organization of la Francophonie and the League of Arab States participated in the session as observers.

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