

**Statement by H.E. Mr. M. Mustafizur Rahman, Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations (29 April 2003)**

Mr. Chairman,

It would be redundant of me to say that the Bangladesh delegation has every confidence in your leadership. Therefore, could I begin by expressing my delegations profound appreciation to Under Secretary General Mr. Shashi Tharoor for his introductory statement made yesterday. In his statement, he has provided us an overview of the activities and accomplishments of the Department of Public Information in the context of ongoing reforms in the United Nations.

Mr. Chairman,

The Bangladesh delegation associates itself with the statement made yesterday by the distinguished representative of Morocco on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. I shall, therefore, limit myself to some remarks on issues that we consider to be of particular importance.

Mr. Chairman,

The DPI has been going through phases of reform and restructuring since many years. The Secretary-General in his recent reports on reorientation of DPI made further proposals to

and Portuguese through the broadcasting facilities over 125 major national, regional and international partner stations. We are indeed impressed by the success of the live Radio project. We strongly support the proposal of the Secretary-General that the pilot project be made an integral part of the Department's activities.

Mr. Chairman,

United Nations peacekeeping operations have assumed paramount importance against the backdrop of an international era beset with conflicts. In the complex UN peace operations, the information component has a vital role to play in forging proper understanding of the objective of the mission and its capabilities. We appreciate the significant activities undertaken by the Department in this area. The Department of Public Information should continue its efforts to strengthen its capacity through development of a coherent information strategy with the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. As a major troop contributing country, we would like to see our contribution recognized and adequately reflected in local and regional media.

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