

Statement by H.E. Fátima Veiga, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cape Verde to the United Nations (20 April 2005)

Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the delegation of Cape Verde, I congratulate you and the other members of the Bureau, on your election for the chairmanship of this twenty-seventh session of the Committee on Information. We wish you success and assure you of our full cooperation for a productive session.

Our congratulations are extended to H.E. Ambassador Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh for the able manner in which he conducted the work of this Committee during its previous two sessions.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the members of the Committee for having accepted Cape Verde as a new full member, together with Iceland, Luxemburg, Qatar and Madagascar.

Mr. Chairman,

The Secretary General's reports and the informative presentation made by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Mr. Shashi Tharoor, are important basis for our discussions and, as such, deserve our special attention.

In this context, our delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by Jamaica, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and the statement to be made by the Representative of Sao Tome and Principe, on behalf of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP).

We are fully conscious of the important work carried out by the Department of Public Information in ensuring the whole United Nations membership high quality information services and in disseminating information, in real time, conveying and building a positive public image of the United Nations. DPI's work is all the more important following criticism on transparency, effectiveness and relevance of the organization, but also to mobilize the all-important and much-needed international public support for the aims and reforms proposed by the Secretary General, Mr. Kofi Annan, which are presently being discussed by our Member States.

