

Statement by S.E. Mr. Daniel Carmon, Chargé d'affaires, Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations (19 April 2005)

Mr. Chairman,

Let me begin by congratulating you on your election to chair the Committee on Information, and by expressing my delegation's appreciation to your predecessor, H.E. Ambassador Chowdhury, for his very able leadership.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, for his continuing leadership of the Department of Public Information during this crucial era in its history. We congratulate the DPI and the members of the Committee for their work this year and express our gratitude for the very

to use its will, resources, and energy to foster the former and combat the latter. The more free information is, the more free people are.

In the same breath, I would urge the DPI, and the international community, to struggle against incitement in all parts of the world. As long as Government supported media and educational establishments continue to incite youths towards hatred, the ideals of harmony on which the United Nations were founded cannot hope to be realized