

Statement by H.E. Ambassador Orlando Requeijo Gual, Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations (25 April 2006)

Mr. Chairman:

Allow me to express our appreciation of the efficient manner in which you have chaired our Committee.

We would also like to express our pleasure to welcome Austria as a new member.

I also want to take this opportunity to convey our appreciation to Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary General for Communications and Public Information, for the detailed and comprehensive report that he submitted on the work carried out.

Mr. Chairman:

My delegation joins the statement by the distinguished representative of South Africa on behalf of the G-77 and China.

The gap between the developed and developing countries in communication and information matters is unfortunately increasing, in spite of the efforts to take the scientific and technical advances in communication and information matters to different parts of the planet.



The US government devoted more than US\$ 37 million to the broadcast of *Radio* and *TV Marti*, only for the fiscal year 2006. It is worth stressing that this figure means an increase of about US\$ 10 million, compared to the same entry approved for 2004.

As we have previously expressed, such broadcasts are flagrant violations of the regulations established by the International Frequency Registration Board of the International Telecommunication Union. Moreover, they violate Public International Law and attempt against our sovereignty.

Despite our reiterated denunciations, the United States continues its radio-electronic warfare against our country, being it part and parcel of its obsessive policy of destroying the Cuban Revolution. In this undertaking, they have reinforced the broadcast power, have improved antennas, have invaded transmission bands, have purchased aerostats, and for several years now, they have been using a C-130 military aircraft as aerial platform to convey the signals of their miscalled *Tele Marti*.

As it is known, these actions have failed thanks to the skill and ability of the Cuban specialists and technicians who have jammed the TV broadcasts a great many of the radio broadcasts. But above all, these actions clashed with the determination and conviction of the entire Cuban people, which rejects this kind of aggression.

Mr. Chairman:

Cuba reaffirms its condemnation of this aggression and fully rejects the intention of the US government to keep and increase the radio and television transmissions towards our territory. The choice of the kind information that the Cuban people wants to receive belongs in a sovereign manner to our country and not to a US Administration that wastes the taxpayers' money and conspire with notorious terrorists in their plots against the Cuban Revolution.

Cuba will continue exercising its sovereignty and independence and will continue adopting each and every necessary measure in our hands to reject these aggressive actions.

Thank you very much.