

Statement by Mr. by LeRoy G. Potts, Jr., Adviser, Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations (1 May 2007)

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

On behalf of the United States we would like to welcome Under-Secretary-General Akasaka to the United Nations. We congratulate him on his appointment and we look forward to working with him and his office.

The United States also congratulates the new chair of the Committee on Information, Mr. Ruedi Christen and the other members of the bureau on their election. We look forward to working with all members of this committee.

We welcome the Under-Secretary-General's efforts to date to meet with member states to discuss the role of the Department of Public Information. We encourage the Under-Secretary-General to take a "fresh look" at Department of Public Information activities and to focus on