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BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA TO THE UNITED NATIONS,
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COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION

Mr. President,

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela wishes you the greatest success in your work and expresses its readiness to contribute to the work of the 22nd Session of the Committee on Information.

We appreciate the Report of the Secretary-General on Information Technology, Department of Public Information and the studies conducted by the Department of Public Information. We thank the Deputy Secretary-General for Public Information Mr. Kiyo Akasaka, for his comprehensive briefing.

Venezuela associates itself with the interchanges of Venezuela and Chile of G77 and China and the Rio Group, respectively.

Mr. President,

My delegation appreciates the work performed by the Department of Public Information and appreciates the support provided to the missions accredited to the United Nations. My delegation estimates that one of the priorities must be the information carriers.

Mr. President,

It is crucial to overcome the imbalances in the use of information technologies

why my delegation stresses the importance of all countries having equal access to these technologies.

The regional television network Telesur, founded by Venezuela and other neighboring countries on the continent, helps to overcome informational

isolation between Spanish countries, it stimulates the processes of change

nations and also works to promote the collective creativity of our people.

Network broadcasting objectively the political, social and cultural development of

Mr. President,

The media is a public good through which citizens can exercise their right to

humanize and social component to the media must serve the people and their secular and historical claims.

In Venezuela, the right of all citizens to freely express their views and to seek

receive and impart information is scrupulously respected. Public criticism, freedom of expression, and discussion of ideas are being developed as never before in the history of my country. In Venezuela, freedom of expression is total

and is a fundamental right of all citizens. It is a right that is protected by the

Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. This right is also

The Bolivarian Revolution has been subjected to a systematic campaign of imperialist aggression, which is implemented through powerful media, owned by large multinational corporations, in complicity with some private media in

Venezuela. These false and unfounded media campaigns launched against the model of democratic change, oriented toward socialism, which is successfully being developed in my country. They try to erode the credibility of the revolutionary process. They failed, however, given the high level of democratic consciousness that has reached our village.

No media has ever been shut down during the Bolivarian Government, even though some of them attacked national hero the Curo D'Elia that overthrew for a few hours- President Hugo Chávez Frías; have incited the President's assassination and have actively worked to destabilize Venezuelan democracy.

Venezuelan Parliament passed a Telecommunications Act, which lays down guidelines for the use and enjoyment of the radio spectrum. This space, although a public domain, was monopolized by a few families. Now things are changing. Venezuela has a new law that guarantees access to communication and information to all Venezuelans and promotes community and social participation in their management.

Venezuela today has a system of information and communication that is participatory and democratic. It has 37 television stations and 350 radio stations. However, the large media corporations still have dominance and control over most of the media.

The new alternative sources of media and communication, which have emerged and proliferated at all levels of social organization and community, are contributing to raising awareness and intellectual standards, and the culture and education of our people. Programs of social and humanistic content, which are the order of the day, promote solidarity among peoples and nations of the developing countries.

In Venezuela all the strategic institutions are the antagonists of a process of human development that respects the value of the human being.

Thank you very much.

