

Mr. Chairman:

Allow us to commend you on your election as Chair of the Committee. You may rely on the full support and cooperation of my delegation for the fulfillment of your task. I would also like

Information, for the comments made on the works of the Department of Public Information.

The Cuban delegation welcomes the interest expressed by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Switzerland and Suriname to join this Committee, which continues to enhance the growth of the family of States that desire to share our efforts.

My delegation fully associates itself to the statement of the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco on behalf of G-77 and China and shares those concerns.

Mr. Chairman:

Despite all the efforts made to take the advances of science and technology in communications and information to the most isolated corners of the planet, the existing imbalance intensifies before our eyes.

It seems we are before an insurmountable and intrinsic contradiction of the globalization process: the more technologies develop, the larger is the gap between developed and developing countries. On one hand, we witness the boom of the Internet and the appearance of unthinkable technologies just a few months ago, while on the other hand hunger, poverty, diseases, wars, conflicts persist. It seems like we lived in different planets.

This imbalance is also present in the information dissemination field. Each day, a New World Order in Information and Communications is more necessary.

This is an ancient aspiration we will continue to defend, although those who manipulate the greatest part of the information globally keep on trying to persuade us of the impossibility of struggling against what is established and of accepting -with submissive consent- what they intend we digest as passive spectators of the bombardment of messages and stereotypes tailor-



designed by experts on military intelligence, the creation of strategic influence offices endorsed to the military apparatus in order to implement a mixture of the so-called "black propaganda" (meaning intended lies), misinformation and the so-called "white propaganda" (meaning truthful and believable information favoring their interests) in journalists and foreign media, to influence international public opinion and that of the friend and foe governments, under the shades of an alleged counter-terrorism war.

As intelligence tactics, deceiving techniques, psychological activities, radio broadcasts, cybernetic attacks against computer nets, information distortion and "black propaganda" clandestine operations have become classic military instruments. New elements have joined them, such as, the appointment of communicator teams trained and prepared during months to those areas where there is "high global interest" and that "capture the media's attention" to give coherence to the "liberating" message and transmit "truth" to all those having media access regardless the place. Everything is set to favor organized lie broadcast.

In our statement last year, we noted as an example the distorted coverage of the coup d'état attempt against the constitutional President of Venezuela, a deformity that remains up to nowadays. Today, we also denounce the mediatic manipulation of a unilateral, unbalanced,

Broadcasting which runs Radio and TV Martí, which represents an increase of more than 2 million dollars in relation to the previous budget year.

Hence, we express our total condemnation to the bureaucrats who swindle the US contributors squandering their tributary contributions in disgraceful actions that in many cases are associated with terrorist and corrupted individuals of the worst kind, whose filthy managements occasionally come to light scandalizing the US public opinion.

Cuba will continue to repel, with all the means at its reach, these aggressive actions as part of its everyday struggle for truth and against disinformation worldwide.

Thank you very much.