

Statement by Mr. Manuel Augusto, Vice-Minister of Social Communication of Angola (27 April 2004)

ations Committee on information for the 26 period of sessions just started. I may rely on the full support and cooperation of my delegation for the fulfilment of your task.

I would also like to congratulate the other members of the Bureau for the good handling of its mandate throughout the 26 period of the sessions of our Committee.

In taking the advantage of conveying our gratitude to Mr. Sashiroor, Director General for Communications and Public Information, I would like to acknowledge the wisdom and rare qualities of someone who is leading the reform of this important sector of the United Nations in a very efficient and cooperative manner.

I would like to extend our satisfaction on the Secretary General's reports presented to the Commission. 5.001 5.44.72 42 27.0 ref C (r) 10.02 -0 030.ei 5-0.001 (e) 0.610 eln sat 5(i) 52 (t (t).

The Angolan delegation believes that the translation of this project into concrete results would help lessen the gap imbalance in the relations between developed and developing countries in terms of their technological capabilities.

The delegation of Angola wishes to express its appreciation for the efforts the Department of Public Information carries out to the issue of the rationalization of the United Nations Information Centres.

We are of the view that due consideration must be given to this issue, as we proceed with the process of reforms currently in place.

Our delegation is pleased and takes this opportunity to thank the Under-Secretary-General, of

In conclusion, the Angolan delegation encourages the Department of Public Information to continue its efforts for the improvement of the infrastructures and the information and communication technological capabilities in the world, as expressed in the Secretary General's reports for which the General Assembly has an important role to play on providing adequate operational resources as requested by the DPI.

We are assured that under the able leadership of Mr. Shashi Tharoor and his team these goals will be attained.

We also believe that at the end of our work a step forward would have been made towards the strengthening of the relations between nations.

Thank you.