

**Statement by Mr. Mario de Azevedo Constantino, Minister Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Angola to the United Nations (26 April 2006)**

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you for the professionalism and skilful manner you have guided us throughout the 27<sup>th</sup> Session.

We thank Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Mr. Shashi Tharoor, for his detailed and comprehensive presentation made yesterday, which outlined a full account of the tasks undertaken by the Department of Public Information. Our appreciation goes also to the entire staff of the Department for the way they have carried out their tasks.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement made earlier by the G-77 and China and the statement of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP).

Mr. Chairman,

One of the great problems that developing countries face is the limited availability of resources to back up the existence of broad, democratic and balanced information services.

The development of information and communication technology, introduced major changes to all areas of human activity around the world.



communication technological capabilities in the world, as expressed in the Secretary General's report for which this Committee as the Legislative body of this organisation, has an important role to play in providing adequate operational resources as requested by Members States.

Thank you.