Statement by Mr. George Talbot, Chargé d' Affaires a.i. at the Permanent Mission of Guyana to the United Nations, on Behalf of the Rio Group * (24 April 2006)

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Member States of the Rio Group, in this General Debate of the United Nations Committee on Information. In so doing, allow me to express our Group's appreciation for the in depth reports provided by the Secretary-General as well as the comprehensive and insightful analysis on the work and challenges of the Department of Public Information (DPI) as presented by the Under-Secretary-General Mr. Shashi Tharoor. It is our view that the reports complemented by the presentation provide an adequate basis for the Committee's consideration of the issues slated for discussion.

Mr. Chairman,

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