

Statement by H.E. Koigi Wa Wamwere Mp, Kenya's Assistant Minister of Information and Communications and Head of Kenya's Delegation (26 April 2006)

Mr. Chairman,

First, may I wish the chair a most fruitful stewardship of the Committee and wish the committee utmost success in all its future deliberations.

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While associating with the statement of the Group of 77 and China, we wish to thank the Secretary General and DPI for the production of their most informative reports and updates on the work of the UN Department of Information.

Mr. Chairman,

Kenya believes the importance of this committee cannot be overemphasized for two obvious reasons. Today mankind cannot survive without the peace and unity that the UN pursues on behalf of all and without objective and truthful information, the world would be walking in total darkness and complete danger.

While appreciating the success of DPI and UN so far, in the 21st Century, the world should be

Anyone who cares to examine the practice of Kenya's media will attest that Kenya's media is truly free. However Mr. Chairman, as Kenya denounces and refuses to engage in government censorship of the media, equally it calls upon all media, especially local and international private media not to exercise media censorship of government or ban certain political

Thank you very much.