

**Statement by H.E. Mrs. Madina B. Jarbussynova, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations (30 April 2003)**

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to congratulate you on your election as the Chairman of the 25th session of the Committee on Information. We are confident that this session under your able stewardship will have positive outcome. Our congratulation also goes to the newly elected members of the Bureau.

Kazakhstan welcomes Saudi Arabia as a new member of the Committee on Information and supports the applications of Switzerland, Suriname and St. Vincent and the Grenadines for their membership in the Committee. My delegation would also like to express its sincere gratitude to Ambassador Milos Alcalay, Permanent Representative of Venezuela, for having successfully presided over the deliberations of the 24th session of the Committee.

I thank Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary-General, for his comprehensive presentation of the strategy of the Department of Public Information for the years to come. Further improvement of the United Nations activities in the sphere of information is an integral part of the whole

since the United Nations is repositioning itself for even greater relevance as an indispensable global institution.

We are encouraged by the new organizational structure of the Department. With the creation of the Strategic Communications Division, News and Media Division and Outreach Division the DPI has now all necessary instruments to carry out its significant mandate. We believe that a renewed and restructured Department of Public Information, being the voice of the global Organization, will contribute to bridging the existing gap between the developed and developing countries.

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