

Statement by the Representative of Brazil, on behalf of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (27 April 2004)

Mr. Chairperson,

I have the honor to address the Committee on Information at its 26th session on behalf of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries, comprised of Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, São Tomé and Príncipe and Timor-Leste.

At the outset, allow me to congratulate you on your election, as well as the other members of Bureau, and to assure you of our Community's readiness to work constructively with a view to

Furthermore, a word should be said about Timor-Leste. While its public information concerns are currently still met by the UN presence in that country, we should begin to envisage as of now the provision of Portuguese language services in a future regional hub for South-East Asia with a view to providing an uninterrupted flow of public information in Portuguese to Timor-Leste.

In all these cases, adequate arrangements for translation of reports into Portuguese should be provided.

Mr. Chairperson,

Despite increasing technological progress, traditional means of communication, such as radio, remain effective and far-reaching media instruments, particularly in developing countries, where access to more advanced forms of communication is still far from satisfactory.

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million citizens, has greatly benefited from United Nations international radio broadcasting.