Statement by H.E. Mr. Rodney Lopez Clemente, Deputy Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations (28 April 2004)

Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to reiterate our appreciation for your efficient Chairmanship of our Committee. We would also like to express our satisfaction by welcoming the new Member States Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Switzerland.

I also avail myself of this opportunity to extend our appreciation to Mr. Sashi Tharoor, Under Secretary General for Communications and Public Information, for the report presented on the work undertakiB748560Td()TjEMC ETArtifactp3410e/htg650505/fr@465050fc00eff345050fc000F377dMCID 21 BDC 02 g668DC M2.5

developing countries this progress is slow and difficult due to persisting poverty, diseases, hunger, conflicts and war in the South.

Undoubtedly, the last World Summit on the Information Society was an important step forward. Practical, lasting and sustainable solutions will be necessary for the insertion of developing countries in the information society. Developing countries require stable and foreseeable sources of financial resources favoring the access to information technologies.

They are property of the US Government who annually devotes around 35 million dollars to this radio-electronic war against Cuba.

These broadcasts not only attempt against Cuba's sovereignty but also constitute flagrant violations of the regulations established by the International Frequency Registration Board of the International Telecommunication Union. Thus, they constitute actions that violate International Law.

The United States continues to finance, facilitate and stimulate illegal broadcasts against Cuba, which distort our country's reality, encourage illegal emigration under dangerous