

Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), I would like to express confidence that your able skill and rich experiences will contribute positively to our deliberations this year, too, as they did last year.

I would also like to express our thanks to Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary General for Communications and Public Information, for presenting the reports of the Secretary General.

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However, information and communication technology is again reflecting the inequitable international economic relations as it is, and as a result, the disparity between the developed and the developing countries in the field of public information continues to widen.

The developing countries have long been striving to establish a fair and equitable international information and communication order on the basis of the recognized important role of the public information in creating favourable atmosphere for the maintenance of international peace and security. However, inequality and imbalances still persist in the field of public information and communication.

The DPRK delegation is concerned that certain countries continue to abuse these imbalances, and encroach upon the sovereignty and interests of other countries.

Some countries are taking advantage of their monopoly of modern communication means to distort the reality of the developing countries. Even, they are pronounced in buying certain agencies to carry out their acts aimed at seeking political purpose of slander and internal disruption of targeted countries.

In particular, they make no scruple of mobilizing the sophisticated mass media for psychological warfare to impose their ideas and cultural values upon targeted countries.

All member states should therefore contribute to ensuring that the public information activities

