

**Statement by Mr. Hossein Maleki, Counselor, Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations (27 April 2004)**

Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, let me begin with congratulating you and the other members of the bureau, on guiding this Committee since last year. I am confident that your ability and wisdom in leading the Committee during the current session will contribute to the success of the work and leads to satisfactory results. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my delegation's gratitude to Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, for presenting a comprehensive report of the Secretary-General yesterday and for his efforts in leading the Department of Public Information towards more efficiency, accountability and more collaboration with member states. I commend the Department of Public Information for the timely presentation of its reports to the Committee on Information which they have provided.

I would also like to associate myself with the statement made by the distinguished Permanent Representative of Qatar on behalf of G77 and China which expressed the main views and concerns of the group.

Department of Public Information (DPI). Therefore DPI should demonstrate the activities, as well as, the difficulties and the challenges the United Nations facing with.

