

Statement by H. E. Mr. Stafford Neil, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations, and Chairman of the Group of 77 (18 April 2005)

Mr. Chairman,

The Group of 77 and China congratulates you on your election to the Chairmanship of this twenty-seventh session of the Committee on Information. The Group also wishes to congratulate the other members of the Bureau on their election.

The Group of 77 and China also thanks the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh, Ambassador Iftekhar Chowdhury, for his leadership and guidance of the work of this Committee during its previous two sessions.

Mr. Chairman,

The Group appreciates the detailed and informative presentation made this morning by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Mr. Shashi Tharoor, who has provided a useful account of the work undertaken by the Department and the challenges it has faced over the past year. The Under-Secretary-General and his staff have made worthwhile efforts to ensure that the Department of Public Information remains alert to

innovations for the provision of Library Services should take into account the physical and other challenges faced by Member States in being able to effectively utilise such technology.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, allow me to assure you of the intention of the G77 and China to work constructively with other regional groupings in order to achieve a positive outcome of this session of the Committee on Information. Above all, we are reminded that the work of this Committee should be dedicated to ensuring that the DPI is made stronger and more effective so as to allow it to properly disseminate the messages of the United Nations.

Thank you.