

Statement by the Representative of the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations, in the General Debate of the 29th Session of the Committee on Information (2 May 2007)

Mr. Chairman,

I would like, at the outset, to congratulate you on your election as Chairman of the twenty-ninth session of the Committee on Information and I congratulate as well members of the committee bureau.

cooperation with the chairman and members of the committee to materialize the UN media message.

My delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by the delegation of Pakistan on behalf of the Group of 77 and China that expressed the general framework of the priorities and concerns of the Group Member States in regard to the UN policies, activities and priorities in the field of information and communications.

Mr. Chairman,

In the light of a world dominated by information and communication technology, and the various challenges the world peoples are facing, it has become necessary that the UN sustain its plans to enhance international cooperation in the media field, with a view to narrowing the gaps among countries in terms of the flow of information and in support of the developing countries' capabilities and media structures. That should go parallel to the efforts of developing a media message for the UN, that is in line with the spirit of the age a

DPI in pushing forward the efforts to sustain dialogue and understanding among various civilizations and cultures, alongside with enhancing the efforts to achieve peace and development.

Alongside with the role of the media in helping to achieve peace and friendly relations among states, its role is no less important in helping to implement the priorities of the Millennium Declaration to achieve sustainable development, overcome poverty and spread the culture of human rights as well as improving the status of women and child rights and development in Africa. We firmly believe that the role of the UN is fundamental in raising international awareness on these issues and integrating them in the core of its media message.

In the light of the issues dealt with in this session of the Committee of Information, Egypt's

DPI will help attain this message and publicize the role and activities of the UN in promoting rapprochement among peoples and assisting developing countries to face up the challenges of development and catch up with progress.