

**Statement by Mr. N.E. Ndekhedekhe, Minister, Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations (25 April 2006)**

Mr. Chairman,

I seize this opportunity on behalf of the Nigerian delegation to congratulate you and members of your Bureau for the able manner you are conducting the affairs of this Committee and to assure you of our support. We commend the Secretary-General for the elaborate and detailed reports he has presented to the Committee. In the same vein, we wish to pay tribute to the Under Secretary-General, Mr. Shashi Tharoor, for his Statement. The Statement was an eloquent testimony to the Under Secretary-General's commitment to the mandate of his Department.

Mr. Chairman,

Undoubtedly, the DPI is the veritable link between the United Nations and the public that the Organization serves. This means that the perception of the Organization by the public will largely be affected by the ability of the Department to carry out its mandate and the extent to which it is able to reach out to all peoples of the world. It is in this context that my delegation

the less endowed societies where access to modern technology is limited. The effect of over-rationalization will shut the United Nations from the majority of the people that it is supposed to serve. In this regard, we would support increase of resources to DPI to enable it reach the largest possible audience across the globe.

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Before concluding my statement, I would like to pay tribute to the management and staff of DPI who have positively contributed to the work of delegates through Press Releases, the websites and the regular workshops organized by the Dag Hammarskjöld Library, among others.

I thank you.