



**STATEMENT BY MRS. MAURA MWINGIRA, MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY
AT THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS AT THE 33RD SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON
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Mr Chairman:


I would like to congratulate you on your election as chairman of the committee on information and would like to extend the full support of my delegation. I wish you and other members of the bureau success in your endeavour to lead the committee toward a successful conclusion.

On behalf of my delegation, I would also like to take this opportunity to commend Under-Secretary-General Akasaka for his very comprehensive presentation.

Mr Chairman:

As we add our country's voice to this debate, my delegation wishes to associate itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of Argentina on behalf of G-77 and China.

Much has been said by previous speakers and I would not want to repeat what they have spoken. My delegation mainly wants to emphasize the importance of the contribution of the News Service and in particular of United Nations Radio



all recognize it as such, and commend DPI and the two staff members managing the Kiswahili radio service for this outstanding work.

Mr Chairman:

There is a reason why Kiswahili is an official language of the African Union.

~~It is a language spoken by over 200 million people in Eastern and Central~~

~~Africa and beyond. We all know information is power. Kiswahili has the~~

~~possibility to reach and empower that number of people and is an appropriate communication tool for the United Nations, including in the post-conflict~~

~~and Western and Central Africa.~~