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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you on your election as chairman of the Committee on Information. I hope that under your able leadership, this session will come to a successful result.

Over the past 30 years since the establishment of the Committee on Information, the Committee has made ceaseless efforts to ensure that the international information activities be conducive to the world peace and security, social harmony and sustainable development.

In particular, progress has been achieved by the Department of Public Information of the UN Secretariat in its information activities on international issues of common concern by improving its methods and means.

However, the information technology and means that should certainly serve as material and technological foundation for the prosperity of mankind still remain misused by certain countries for their political purposes.

This requires the Committee on Information to take the necessary measures on the basis of careful examination of all the provisions of its mandate given by the GA resolution 34/182 of December 18, 1979.

In this regard, allow me to highlight some following points that my delegation attaches importance.

Firstly, we need to continue paying attention to ensuring fairness and objectivity in the information activities.

It is all the more important in light of the fact that sinister attempt continues unabated to use their monopoly of mass media for imposing their so called “democratic value” and life style on other countries, thus creating social disorder and chaos and instigating regime change.

In this context, due attention should be paid to the US “ Free Radio Asia” and “Voice of America”.

Nowadays, the US has been stepping up psychological warfare offensives against the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) by beginning medium-wave broadcasting in addition to increasing the hours of short-wave broadcasting in “Free Radio Asia”, and airing medium-wave broadcasting programs in Korean language along with short-wave broadcasting in “ Voice of America”

Their provocative acts are aimed to shake our people’s faith in their cause and incite discontent towards their political system, thus ultimately bringing down Korean style socialism. It is clear violation of the principles enshrined in the UN Charter and international law on the relations among states.

Moreover, what cannot go unnoticed is that their despicable acts are often justified as freedom of press while other countries are accused of having no such freedom.

This sophism is just like injustice overriding justice, which will eventually bring the world order to disorder and render the building of a new and peaceful world only a dream.

My delegation is of the view that establishment of new international information and communication order could be a way to ensure the fairness and objectivity in the international information activities.

In this regard, the Committee on Information, in conformity with its mandate, should focus on the establishment of new international information and communication order as its main agenda item in this session.

Secondly, effective measures should be taken to improve the capacity of information and communication of the developing countries.

Despite strenuous efforts on the part of developing countries to improve their capacity of information and communication, the digital gap between the developed and developing countries is ever widening and most of the

developing countries remain marginalized from the rapid information and communication technology development.

To overcome such phenomena, there is a need to set up mechanism for international cooperation, which will help transfer advanced technology to the developing countries and improve their information and communication infrastructure. There is also a need to broaden the scope of current training programs of broadcasters and journalists from the developing countries.

In conclusion, our delegation believes that the above-mentioned issue will be given due consideration so that the current session provide a turning point in the international information activities.