

Statement by Mr. Mladen Cvrilje, Minister Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Croatia (1 May 2007)

Mr. Chairman,

Croatia aligned itself with the declaration made previously by the Representative of Germany on behalf of the EU, and is honoured to contribute to the work of the Committee with its own statement.

Croatia wishes to congratulate you, Mr. Chairman, on your election and wishes you success in conducting the work of this Committee. We would also like to congratulate the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information Mr. Kiyoo Akasaka on his appointment and wishes him the most of success in leading the proceedings of the work of the Committee. We pay tribute to the previous Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information Mr. Shashi Tharoor, and to the outgoing Chairman of COI Ambassador Ivo Džurđević, for conducting most valiantly and successfully the work of the Department of Public Information and of the COI respectively.

We wish to express special thanks to the UN Secretary-General, for providing us with three very detailed Reports (A/AC.198/2007/2, 3 and 4), which will enable us to proceed in our work, and would like to thank the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information on his valuable statement made at the beginning of our work.

The Croatian delegation commends the Department of Public Information for projecting a

Back in 1991, for the Croatian people, who also lived in shelters and basements for months, to avoid the shelling and the rocketing of many Croatian cities, the radio was to them the only source of information. The use of the radio provided new strength to the fight for freedom and for the international recognition of Croatia. The freedom of the press proved to be a major instrument in achieving Croatian independence, and the use of the radio contributed greatly in this goal. For this reason, a part of the Croatian population is still emo

