[TJ] Draft Statute on Television and Radio

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A draft Statute on Television and Radio is currently under consideration in Tajikistan. The draft Statute applies to all forms of television and radio except for: special closed video systems (industrial, technical, internal production, educational, internal production, educational, service, and others), radio (amateur broadcasters' communications, sport radio, and others). As well as other forms of communication operating on the basis of individual calls or using special channels for the dissemination of information for purposes and tasks other than those which are the responsability of television and radio broadcasters in the sense of the Statute.

The Statute includes general principles of television and radio broadcasting and prohibits interference and censorship. The general principles also comprise the tasks of a State Authority, the State Committee of the Republic of Tajikistan on Television and Radio Broadcasting (Gosteleradio) to implement the rules of the Statute. In fact, Gosteleradio is the State's radio and television broadcaster to which the draft Statute assigins the power to act as a licensing authority for all broadcasting activity.

Furthermore the Statute includes rules on the procedure for the establishment and liquidation of television and radio broadcasters; on the organisation of television and radio broadcasting; on defamation and the invasion of privacy.

Draft Statute of the Republic of Tajikistan on Television and Radio. Selected provisions of the Bill were published in English in the Post-Soviet Media Law & Policy Newsletter, Issue 21 of 27 September 1995, pp 13-16.

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