

Commonwealth of Independent States: Information Relations within the Commonwealth Act

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The Recommended legal act «On Regulation Principles of Information Relations within Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States», an advisory legislative instrument, was adopted by the Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States on 23 May 1993 on the initiative of the Russian Federation parliamentary delegation. It consists of 12 articles.

Its aim is declared to be the creation of uniform legal conditions for the implementation of the right of citizens (and of organizations) to obtain information, to use modern technologies, to establish enterprises in this sphere, to establish informational exchange within each Member Nation and throughout the CIS at large, and to guarantee the security and confidentiality of information (Article 1). The act does not regulate the mass media.

Alongside traditional norms on the right to information and a list of data that shall not be secret, the act provides for avenues of cooperation between CIS countries. They are 1) creation of a joint information space within Member Nations, 2) provision of mutual access to the information resources of each of the Nations upon prearranged terms, 3) sponsoring joint programmes, introduction of standards and rules for the processing and dissemination of information taking into account international standards and rules, 4) construction and provision of joint communication networks and information systems based upon standards recommended by the International Telecommunications Union, International Electrotechnical Commission and International Organization for Standardization, 5) use of common principles, methods and norms of protection of information, communication networks and information systems, and 6) creation of coordinating bodies on permanent and ad hoc bases (Article 10).

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