

## RESOLUTION (64) 15

(Adopted by the Ministers' Deputies on 31st October 1964)

### ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYSTEM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

between member States of the Council of Europe  
on their legislative activity in certain legal fields

The Committee of Ministers,

Having regard to Recommendation 374 (1963) of the Assembly advocating, *inter alia*, the setting up of a system of exchange of information on legislative projects ;

Having regard to Resolution (63) 29 concerning the new legal programme of the Council of Europe and approving in principle the setting up of a system of exchange of information on legislative matters ;

Recognising the usefulness of such a system of exchange of information, which would enable the Government of every member State to be kept informed of the legislative activities of the other States and, where appropriate, to draw inspiration from them in making its own laws ;

Considering that this exchange of information would also enable the Council of Europe, through the European Committee on Legal Co-operation, to follow legislative developments in member States in order to detect new legislative trends, with a view to possible multilateral action to harmonise their laws,

Recommends that the Governments of member States :

(a) establish a system for the exchange of information on their legislative activity, in conformity with the Rules annexed hereto ;

(b) create or designate for this purpose a national liaison bureau<sup>1</sup> with the functions set out in the said Rules.

<sup>1</sup> Each Government is invited to communicate the name and address of its liaison bureau to the Secretariat so that a list of the bureaux can be drawn up for circulation to the Governments of member States.

## APPENDIX

### RULES

concerning the exchange of information  
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#### *Article 1*

Every national liaison bureau shall, if it sees no objection, send annually to the Secretariat a list setting out the titles of Bills presented to Parliament and of Laws passed by Parliament during the preceding year, especially those of a novel character, which it considers likely to be of interest to other member States and which concern private or commercial law or any other matter potentially falling within the terms of reference of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation.

#### *Article 2*

1. The list may be accompanied by a brief commentary giving the purpose of each Bill or Law referred to and a summary analysis of its contents.
2. The texts of the Bills or Laws may be appended in the original language.
3. The list may also be accompanied by any other information regarding legislative activities under consideration which is likely to be of interest in connection with the purposes of the present rules.

#### *Article 3*

The list referred to in the previous Articles shall be transmitted in one of the official languages of the Council of Europe, during the month of March.

#### *Article 4*

On the basis of the information received, the Secretariat shall prepare annually as soon as possible a comprehensive document which will be transmitted to the national liaison bureaux and to the European Committee on Legal Co-operation.

#### *Article 5*

If any Government or the European Committee on Legal Co-operation wishes to obtain supplementary information on any Bill or Law mentioned in the comprehensive document referred to in the preceding Article, the Government, through its national liaison bureau, or the Committee, may approach the national liaison bureau of the other member State concerned through the Secretariat or directly. In the latter case, a copy of the reply shall, if there is no objection, be sent at the same time to the Secretariat.