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on cooperation between the Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications and the Council of the Interparliamentary Assembly of the Member-States to the Commonwealth of Independent States

The Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications (RCC) and the Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the Member-States to the Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS Council), hereinafter referred to as the Parties, proceeding from the Regulations of the Convention on the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of States Parties to the Commonwealth of Independent States, reaffirming their commitment to the principles of strengthening and improving integration interaction based on the harmonization of national legislations, attaching great importance to improving the legal and legislative framework In order to further increase the effectiveness of cooperation among the countries of the Commonwealth in the field of communications and informatization, we have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. Both sides interact in the development of draft model legislative acts prepared with the aim of harmonizing national legal and legislative systems on the following issues:
   * socio-economic, political and others, affecting the interests of the CIS countries in the field of communications and informatization;
   * directly related to the field of activity of the Regional Commonwealth of Communications.
2. Both sides, if necessary, create expert councils and working groups to develop the introduction of draft model legislative acts referred to in paragraph 1 of Article 1 of this Agreement.

Article 2

1. Both sides consult during the preparation of proposals and recommendations on issues submitted by them to the highest bodies of the Commonwealth and the national parliaments of the CIS countries.
2. Both sides exchange information on the implementation and practical implementation in the Member-States of the Commonwealth of the decisions, as well as model legislative acts of the IPA CIS.

Article З

* 1. Both sides shall implement measures to improve information exchange, contributing to the harmonization of national legislation.
  2. Both sides exchange information on the events held by them in the CIS and other states, as well as in the framework of cooperation with international organizations, ensuring the participation of representatives of the other Party in these events.

# Article 4

1. Both sides, using their information resources, agreed to create an integrated base of regulatory legal acts based on the organization of interaction between the information systems of the both sides.

Article 5

1. This Agreement shall enter into force upon its signature.
2. The Agreement may be amended and supplemented by mutual written consent of the both sides.

З. This Agreement may be terminated by any of the side after six months after prior written notice.

Done in St. Petersburg on December 7th, 2002, in duplicate in the Russian language, having the same force.