COUNCIL OF EUROPE
COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

RECOMMENDATION No. R (80) 13

OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS TO MEMBER STATES
ON EXCHANGE OF LEGAL INFORMATION
RELATING TO DATA PROTECTION

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 18 September 1980
at the 322nd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.b of the Statute of the Council of Europe,

Recalling its Resolutions (73) 22 and (74) 29 on the protection of the privacy of individuals vis-à-vis electronic data banks;

Noting that several member states have given effect in their domestic law to the recommendations contained in those resolutions, or intend to do so in the near future;

Recognising the value of continued co-operation between states in this field having in view new developments in the transborder flow of personal information;

Recognising the Council of Europe's role in promoting an international agreement on data protection;

Considering that the preparation and implementation of national and international data protection regulations make it desirable that states and international organisations should have ready access to such information relating to data protection,

Recommends the governments of the member states to make available to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe copies or summaries of constitutional, legislative or administrative texts, judicial decisions and other official documents on data protection law which are of general interest, and where necessary, translated into one of the official languages of the Council of Europe;

Instructs the Secretary General of the Council of Europe:

a. to seek similar information from governments of non-member states and from other international organisations conducting work in the field of data protection; and

b. to make the information thus collected, or extracts therefrom, accessible and available in an appropriate form to the member states and to other interested international organisations.