

## **Framework Act on Informatization Promotion**

### Article 1 (Purpose)

The purpose of this Act is to improve the quality of life for the nation and to contribute to the development of the national economy, thereby promoting the informatization and laying the foundation for the information and communications industry and achieving the advanced information and communications industry infrastructure.

### Article 2 (Definitions)

The definitions of terms used in this Act, shall be as follows: <Amended by Act No. 5669, Jan. 21, 1999>

1. The term "information" means all kinds of data or knowledge which a natural person or judicial person has expressed in codes, letters, voice, sound and image, etc. after processing them by optical or magnetic means for the specific purpose;

2. The term "informatization" means to enable the activities to be carried on in all sectors of society or to ensure the efficiency thereof through production, distribution or utilization of information;

3. The term "information and communication" means to collect, process, store, retrieve, transmit, receive and utilize the information including the equipment, technology, service related thereto and other activities and means to promote the informatization;

4. The term "protection of information" means to secure a managerial or a technical means (hereinafter referred to as the "information protection system") to prevent the information from being damaged, altered, or leaked while it is collected, processed, stored, retrieved, transmitted or received;

5. The term "super-high speed information and communication infrastructure" means the high-speed and large capacity network of information and communication capable of exchanging the dynamic image information real time (hereinafter referred to as the "super-high speed information and communication network") and the various communications equipment, software and database, etc. connected thereto for the use; and

6. The term "information resources" means resources as prescribed in the Ordinance of the Ministry of Information and Communication, which include information, information-related equipment and facilities, technology, manpower and funds required for the informatization.

## Article 2-2 (Responsibilities of State and Local Governments)

The State and local governments shall work out and implement policy measures necessary to promote the informatization, build an infrastructure for the information and communications industry and sophisticate such infrastructure (hereinafter referred to as the "promotion of informatization"). [This Article Newly Inserted by Act No. 5669, Jan. 21, 1999]

## Article 3 (Basic Principle of Informatization Policy Measures)

In order for the promotion of informatization, etc. the Government shall take various policy measures in line with principles falling under the following subparagraphs: <Amended by Act No. 5669, Jan. 21, 1999>

1. Expansion of private investment and promotion of fair competition;
2. Establishment and implementation of the system to actively cope with the changing environment;
3. Free access to and utilization of the information and communications infrastructure;
4. Provision of universal services on equal terms without the regional or economic discrimination;
5. Protection of privacy and intellectual property rights and maintenance of security of various information and data; and
6. Promotion of international cooperation.

## Article 4 (Annual Reports, etc.)

(1) The Government shall submit the report of the progress and policy measures of the informatization every year to the National Assembly before the ordinary session of the National Assembly opens.

(2) Heads of State organs, local governments, government-invested institutions and other organizations as prescribed by the Presidential Decree shall systematically manage the present resources of information (hereinafter referred to as the "present resources of information") in their possession and compile statistic data on them. <Newly Inserted by Act No. 5669, Jan, 21, 1999>

(3) The Minister of Information and Communication shall conduct the research and development of indicators for the informatization in all sectors of society and disseminate them.

(4) The Minister of Information and Communication shall seek to manage budget efficiently and may ask the heads as prescribed in paragraph (2) to provide their present resources of information, if necessary, to survey and develop a guideline for the informatization as prescribed in paragraph (3) and disseminate it. In case that the head of a central administrative agency is already in possession of the present resources of information, etc. as prescribed in paragraph (2), the Minister of Information and Communication shall ask him to provide them. <Newly Inserted by Act No. 5669, Jan. 21, 1999>

(5) The head of the administrative agency shall comply with the request from the Minister of Information and Communication under paragraph (4) unless there is a special reason for not complying with it. <Newly Inserted by Act No. 5669, Jan, 21, 1999>

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