



**We recommend that:**

***Governments:***

1. Adopt and implement access to information laws based on the underlying principle of openness, as elaborated in the attached “Guidelines on Access to Information Legislation”.
2. Ensure that legislation and State practice comply with constitutional norms and reflect international standards and principles on access to information in accordance with all relevant international treaties, conventions and instruments.
3. Provide resources necessary to ensure the full implementation and enforcement of an access to information regime, including monies for public education, civil service training, information management, and the institution of archival and retrieval processes.
4. Establish an independent enforcement body with order powers that will allow for accessible, affordable, and timely resolution of all complaints and appeals regarding all access to information matters.
5. Establish, wherever lacking, the recourse to judicial review, for cases of State refusal to provide access to information.
6. Develop oversight mechanisms and monitoring strategies for the implementation and enforcement of an information regime.
7. Encourage public bodies, including the Ombudsman, to play a role as a bridge between civil society and government to further the enjoyment of access to information.
8. Continue to co-operate with other governments in the region, to share experiences, and to develop best practice models.

***Governments, Civil Society and Media:***

9. Engage in efforts to promote and educate the general public on the right to access information, including through the education system and widespread public awareness campaigns.
10. Explore and use new technologies to promote the States’ inclusion into the zTT3 1 Tf0 Tc 0.lusion into the zTT