

THEMATIC COMPILATION OF RELEVANT INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY ISRAEL

ARTICLE 13 UNCAC

PUBLICATION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON CORRUPTION

ISRAEL (SEVENTH MEETING)

In relation to respecting, promoting and protecting the freedom to seek, receive, publish and disseminate information concerning corruption (article 13(1)(d)):

• Outlines of the procedures or regulations that ensure the freedom of the public to seek and receive information concerning corruption, in particular using ICT. States parties and signatories may wish to include the following information, if applicable:

Please see above.

• Any restrictions applicable to exercise of the freedom to seek, receive, publish and disseminate such information, in particular using ICT, including:

The definition of "information" according to the Freedom of Information Law is very broad and includes information concerning corruption. As noted above, there are 20 grounds upon which a request by a member of the public for information can be denied – the main grounds being a breach of privacy, national security threat, protection of commercial secrets and an unreasonable expenditure of resources in order to fulfill the request.

• Description of procedures that allow a member of the public to apply for review of, or appeal against, the application of such a restriction by the Government.

A member of the public is able to apply to the Administrative Court for review of a refusal by a public authority to provide information as per a request. The decision by the Administrative Court can be appealed to the Supreme Court.