



# Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

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## PART 2

### EXEMPT INFORMATION

#### 32 International relations

- (1) Information is exempt information if—
- (a) its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice substantially—
    - (i) relations between the United Kingdom and any other State;
    - (ii) relations between the United Kingdom and any international organisation or international court;
    - (iii) the interests of the United Kingdom abroad; or
    - (iv) the promotion or protection by the United Kingdom of its interests abroad; or
  - (b) it is confidential information obtained from—
    - (i) a State other than the United Kingdom; or
    - (ii) an international organisation or international court.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), information obtained from a State, organisation or court is confidential at any time while—
- (a) the terms on which that information was obtained require it to be held in confidence; or
  - (b) the circumstances in which it was obtained make it reasonable for the State, organisation or court to expect that it will be so held.
- (3) In subsection (1)—
- “international court” means an international court which—
    - (a) is not an international organisation; and
    - (b) is established—
      - (i) by a resolution of an international organisation of which the United Kingdom is a member; or

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(ii) by an international agreement to which the United Kingdom is a party;

“international organisation” means—

- (a) an international organisation whose members include any two or more States; or
- (b) an organ of such an international organisation;

“State” includes—

- (a) the government of any State; and
- (b) any organ of such a government,

and references to a State other than the United Kingdom include references to any territory outwith the United Kingdom.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- sch. 1 para. 74A inserted by [2023 asp 6 sch. 2 para. 2\(2\)](#)