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2013 “Russian Federation in International ICT Ratings” (World Bank, Russian Ministry of ICT) Project Annotation

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This research project was concerned with the features and processes of informatization and communications in the Russian Federation. The study was aimed at determining the right direction for the development of the Information Society in the Russian Federation and the appropriate role of government agencies to ensure a steady improvement in the country’s international rankings in the field of information society development and e-government.

An analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of Russia’s performance, as reflected in four international ratings (the United Nations e-Government Development Index, the World Economic Forum Network Readiness Index, the ITU ICT Development Index, and the World Bank Knowledge Economy Index), was carried out.

On completion, the research project yielded a report analyzing Russia’s positions in these international ratings of information and communication technologies development (ICT-related ratings), proposals on improving Russia’s standing in the short- to medium view, suggestions on activities that could improve Russia’s rankings, recommendations on priority measures to improve communication with international organizations, as well as advice on the preparation and submission to these organizations of data –bearing in mind the methodology underlying each rating.

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