Human Rights Implications of Open Access Models

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ICESCR Article 15

1. Everyone has a right:
   (a) 
   (b) To **enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications**;
   (c)

2. States must promote the **development and diffusion of science**.

3. States must respect the **freedom indispensable for scientific research**.

4. States must promote **international cooperation**.
Article 15.1.b

- Everyone has the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications.
- Link to right to health.
- Right to essential medicines.
- Research into new essential medicines.
- Right to progress in biotechnology.
- Patenting of research tools may impede these rights.
15.2: States must promote the development and diffusion of science.

15.3 States must recognise the freedom indispensable for scientific research.

Scientific progress is cumulative.

Benefits of open models.

Contribution of open access.

15.4 States must promote international cooperation.
Article 15.1.c

- Everyone has the right to benefit from the protection of the **moral and material interests** resulting from any scientific, literary or artistic production of which he or she is an author.
- Individuals.
- Communities and traditional knowledge.