



# **Realization of the right to freedom of movement within the Russian Federation**

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*Peace, progress, human rights - these three goals are insolubly linked to one another: it is impossible to achieve one of these goals if the other two are ignored<sup>1</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> Sakharov, Andrei *Nobel Lecture: Peace, Progress, Human Rights*, 11 December 1975, at [http://nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/peace/laureates/1975/sakharov-lecture.html](http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1975/sakharov-lecture.html) (consulted on 12 June 2011).

## ABSTRACT

Relations between the individual and the state were and remain one of the most important during whole history of Russia. The right to freedom of movement is integral element of the legal status of person in temporary democratic state. Moreover it could fairly be determined as the cornerstone of the concept of human rights. However the activity of the state often requires the restrictions of the right to freedom of movement. For striking this difficult balance, *inter alia*, respect the said right while maintenance certain means to safeguard the State interest, the certain formula has been developed in the 1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

This study investigates the perceptions of international standards in the national legislation at an angle of features of the Russian state and society. It identifies *de jure* protection and *de facto* realisation of the right to freedom of movement. The focus on the research concerns the role of international community in the process of improvement Russian legislation in this field, and the effectiveness of international and domestic enforcement mechanisms.

Having examined above-mentioned provisions the study concludes that there is an infringement of right to freedom of movement. At the same time the research determines betterments in this issue due to adoption of new legislation in Russia.

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