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**STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
IN THE FIELD OF INFORMATION SECURITY**

The current level of planetary civilization is determined by the rapid growth of the role of media in public relations. The catalyst in this process is the possibility of communication between people on the basis of scientific and technological progress, which are constantly increasing. It is hard to imagine today's society without radio, television, telephone, telex, telegraph, computer networks, etc. Recently, there is observed a tendency to integrate these media in new scientific and technological progress achievements, in the field of computer science – computer engineering and based on the latest information technology. These technologies make it possible to provide instantaneous transfer of information over long distances globally. This allows immediately influencing social relations of a wide range of people.

In order to normalize public relations related to information, their social advantage orientation, and also overcoming current and potential negative social phenomena, social norms of behaviour of participators of these relations are formed.

Based on the relevance of the question concerning the stages of development of social relations in the field of information security and the lack of domestic legal science research, the author has set himself a task to highlight and describe the main stages of the development of information security; open a conceptual framework of the term “information security”, which will allow fully analysing stages of public relations in the field of information security. Research of security as a legal category needs a clarification of the content of this concept, for which its historical genesis is considered.

Therefore, the article characterizes the main stages of development of social relations in the field of information security. Chronological limits of each stage are clearly defined. The author's definition of the stages is based on the technical development of information communications, information security, and administration of user access to information resources.