

# Part I

## Freedom of Expression

Freedom of expression is vital in a democratic society. It is in everyone's interests that it should be upheld, provided that this is not at the expense of other important rights. All rights, however, carry responsibilities, especially when those exercising them have the potential to affect other people's lives.

*Report of the Committee on Privacy and Related Matters,*  
Cm 1102 (June 1990), para. 17.16