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Due to the development of comparative law, the world has knowledge about the laws in the Russian jurisdiction. But it is obvious that a great work has yet to be done in order for Russia to integrate into the international law environment. Within the clearly defined aims of the International Association of Judicial Independence and World Peace there are several aims which certainly correspond with the essential need to bring the Russian academic legal tradition onto the international level. These include the need to promote the principle of judicial independence as a central foundation for democracy, and, internationally, the need to revise international standards of judicial independence, based on the work and deliberations of an international team of jurists, to help judges, judiciaries and jurists, to initiate educational projects promoting judicial independence and other fundamental values of the justice system. The International Association of Judicial Independence and World Peace has been active since 1980 and its activity is aimed at sharing the knowledge and experience and to encourage and support the building of a legal culture of judicial independence worldwide.

The innovative concepts of judicial independence are essential for democracy, liberty, world peace and international trade. In comparison with former Soviet Union, The Russian Federation has accomplished a great step forward in order to prosper in the named fields. So I am looking forward to experience the bright and incentive

change on occasion of the next annual conference of the JIWP which will take place in 2014 in Moscow. Until then creating the *Russian Law Journal* as a prosperous platform for a cross-cultural dialogue is a guarantee of a successful and productive exchange of ideas and experience with Russian colleagues.

On behalf of The International Association of Judicial Independence and World Peace, I wish this publication great success and a fruitful academic discourse and useful contributions to the legal systems of all the countries involved in the production of the *Russian Law Journal*.