

**MAKE LOVE NOT WAR:**

**Key to the Future**

## Frequently Asked questions

### TECHNICAL

<b>Question:</b>	<b>Why can't I read some of the documents on the website?</b>
<b>Answer:</b>	Many documents on the Web-Site are either in the pdf or odt format. Acrobat Reader ( <a href="#">6.0 or higher</a> ) and Open Office ( <a href="#">2.0 or higher</a> ) are required to open these documents. These software can be installed without any cost and are freely available on the Internet at their website. ODF Foundation will soon be providing a plug-in for different MS Word Software. Thereafter odt format can be opened and saved in MS word also. For details, please see the article ' <a href="#">Open Document Format</a> '.
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Why documents published on the web site are in the odt format?</b>
<b>Answer:</b>	The reason for keeping documents in the odt format are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Allahabad High Court has taken a policy decision to work in Open Source Software and use open standards;</li><li>2. The odt format is based on Open Document Format (ODF);</li><li>3. ODF is ,<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Based on open standards;</li><li>● Recommended by Organisation for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards (OASIS); and</li><li>● Approved by International Standardisation Organisation (ISO).</li></ul></li></ol>
<b>Question:</b>	<b>Why Linux, Firefox, Thunderbird and OpenOffice.org Softwares are selected for use by the High Court?</b>
<b>Answer:</b>	We have chosen Linux, Firefox, Thunderbird and OpenOffice.org softwares as they are Open Source softwares. Our Website is also best viewed in Firefox. Apart from the above, Firefox, Thunderbird and OpenOffice.org office suite are independent of Operating Systems and work on different operating system including Windows and Linux.

# FORMAT

- (i) Proprietary Format
  - Close – Trade Secret
  - Disclosed – Copyright, Patents
- (ii) Open – Based on open Standards

# OPEN STANDARDS

## **European commission - Recommendations:**

- Maintained by non-profit Organisation
- Published
- IPR – royalty free - irrevocably available
- No constraints on the re-use

# GUIDELINES

- Realisation - open format is better
- Change the office suite
- Provide training
- Communications may be in ODF
- Make ODF as the default saving option

# OPEN:

## STANDARDS, FORMAT, SOURCE

- Consolidate strong points
- Prevent the hoarding of technology;
- Invite others to participate in its development.

*It is 'Make love, not war' in atypical way.*

*And to me, this is the key to the future.*