

PREFACE

Commonwealth Law Ministers from 41 jurisdictions met in Christchurch, New Zealand, from 23 to 27 April 1990. This volume contains most of the Memoranda prepared for and during that Meeting, along with the Meeting's Annotated Draft Agenda (which in fact became the Meeting's Agenda) and the Communique.

The Minutes of the Meeting and classified Memoranda are published separately, and these are available only to Member Governments.

The regular Meeting of Senior Officials of Law Ministries was held in Auckland on the eve of the Christchurch Meeting.

Commonwealth Law Ministers meet regularly at approximately three-yearly intervals. They are scheduled to meet next in Mauritius in 1993. Previous Meetings have been in London (1969 and 1973), Lagos (1975), Winnipeg (1977), Barbados (1980), Sri Lanka (1983) and Harare (1986).