

INTRODUCTION

The Fifth Commonwealth Education Conference, meeting at Canberra in February 1971, requested the Secretariat to continue to assemble and disseminate information about special education in the Commonwealth.

This Directory has been compiled from published sources relating to 43 countries, checked and amended in most cases by official sources in the countries themselves. It is recognised, however, that errors and omissions make this publication imperfect, and it would be much appreciated if corrections and additions could be made known to the Secretariat by any interested person or body. A revised edition will be produced after an appropriate interval.

Throughout the Directory the numbering of headings has been maintained, whether or not entries have been made under each. The headings are:

1. Responsible authority
2. Other public or private bodies involved
3. Publications and reports
4. Schools and institutions
5. Staffing
6. Teacher training facilities and arrangements
7. Aid
8. Finance
9. Legislation
10. Incidence of handicap
11. Other information.