

PREFACE

This is the second in a series of "accession kits" for international conventions in the field of private international law. The first, entitled The Hague Conventions on The Service of Process, The Taking of Evidence and Legalisation, was prepared by Professor David McClean in conjunction with the Commonwealth Secretariat, and this present "kit" was similarly prepared by Professor Keith Patchett.

At both their Winnipeg and their Barbados Meetings Law Ministers paid handsome tribute to the constructive and imaginative contribution made to Commonwealth legal systems by the two Professors, and for our part we, too, would formally record our own very great indebtedness to them.

Copies of both "kits" are available from the Commonwealth Secretariat on request.

Legal Division
Commonwealth Secretariat
Marlborough House
Pall Mall
London SW1Y 5HX
United Kingdom.