

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

This is the seventh in a series of "accession kits" being prepared by the Commonwealth Secretariat primarily to assist governments of Commonwealth countries in considering whether to accede to selected international conventions, especially in the field of private international law.

The first such paper examined The Hague Convention on The Service of Process, The Taking of Evidence and Legalisation. So far as the Service of Process Convention is concerned, it needs to be read with a paper entitled Information to accompany documents served abroad prepared by the Permanent Bureau of The Hague Conference and circulated to Commonwealth Governments by the Commonwealth Secretariat. That paper contains a suggested model form for use on all occasions on which documents are sent for service abroad, a form intended to be used in substitution for one of the documents annexed to the Convention.

The present paper is a review of the most recent Hague Convention in the same area of civil procedure. It contains the full English text of the Convention and recommendations and advice as to accession procedures.

Other papers in this series have examined

- (a) International Conventions in the Field of Succession
- (b) The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction;
- (c) International Conventions concerning Applications for and Awards of Maintenance;
- (d) The New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards
- (e) Three International Conventions on Hijacking and Offences on board Aircraft.

These are still available from the Commonwealth Secretariat, which will endeavour on request to supply further information on points of detail.

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