

## INTRODUCTORY NOTE

This document is one of a series of occasional papers prepared for the Commonwealth Secretariat which seeks to provide Commonwealth governments with information about multilateral treaties to which accession may be considered to be desirable.

This document contains information about the New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards of 1958. In addition to the English language version of the text of the Convention (the Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish versions are equally authentic), it includes a commentary on the text and operation of the Convention and guidance as to the decisions required prior to accession and as to possible legislation (including a model Bill).

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