

PREFACE

This is the fourth in a series of 'accession kits' being prepared by the Commonwealth Secretariat to assist governments in acceding to selected international conventions. At present these are confined to the area of private international law and include

- (i) The Hague Conventions on the Service of Process, The Taking of Evidence and Legalisation
- (ii) International Conventions in the Field of Succession
- (iii) The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction

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A fifth 'kit', on arbitration, is in the course of preparation by Professor Keith Patchett.

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