

## FOREWORD

Following a Commonwealth Asian Pacific regional seminar in book development held in New Delhi in 1973, the Commonwealth Secretariat published a little booklet on copyright entitled *Copyright in the Developing Countries*. It immediately proved popular and went into a number of impressions and translations.

In the ten years that have passed since then a whole new technology of communication has grown up. Interest is now focused not only on obtaining reprint and translation rights but also on photocopying, cassette recording, videotaping and satellite broadcasting. In order to keep up with these and other developments, the Secretariat has decided to publish the present longer and more comprehensive work. It is intended to take the place of the old one.

It has been written by Denis de Freitas, OBE, MA, Solicitor General of the Federation of the West Indies from 1958 to 1962 and, since 1976, Chairman of the British Copyright Council. In his extensive consultancy work in many countries he has familiarised himself with their copyright practice and problems, and the Secretariat is indebted to him for so clearly and concisely encapsulating his experience in this handbook. I am pleased to commend it to all those for whom the subject is of personal, professional or political concern in the Commonwealth.

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