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The concept of the 'accession kit' - a "do-it-yourself" manual for Governments interested in acceding to selected international conventions and one designed to facilitate the process by providing their legal advisers with a commentary on the conventions and model Bills for any legislative step required as a consequence - is one developed by Professors David McClean (of the University of Sheffield) and Keith Patchett (of the University of Wales Institute of Science & Technology) in conjunction with the Commonwealth Secretariat.

A series of such kits has been, and will continue to be, produced but hitherto these have been confined to the field of Private International Law.

This 'kit', prepared by David Lloyd Jones (Fellow of Downing College, Cambridge and adviser to the Government of the Solomon Islands on treaty succession), is the first of several planned for the area of Public International Law.

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