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Commonwealth Law Conference - Jamaica

The CALC programme for Wednesday 10 September has been re-arranged and will now comprise the following items -

(1) "Electronic Aids in Legislation"

Presentation by legislative drafters from the Canadian Federal Government and Canadian Provincial Governments, followed by other contributions and a discussion, after which there will be an opportunity to view a display of electronic equipment.

(2) CALC lunch (12.30 pm to 2 pm) presided over by Mr Justice O.D. Marsh (First Parliamentary Counsel, Jamaica).

(3) "Statute law: Consolidation, Publication and the Keeping of Published Texts Up-to-Date"

Contributions, followed by a discussion. Since the electronic aspects of these topics will have been covered earlier, the intention is to focus more on non-electronic systems.

(4) General Meeting of CALC

It being uncertain how long items (1) and (3) will take, it has been decided to adopt a flexible timetable for this programme. The lunch will occupy from 12.30 pm to 2 pm; but subject to that, items (1), (3) and (4) will take place successively. If item (3) were to begin before lunch, it could if necessary be concluded after lunch. The aim will be to start item (4) not later than 4 pm in any event.

Drafting Assistance

Mr William G. Nelson of 194 Cartier Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K2P 1L2 has expressed an interest in working as a legislative drafter in another country. His most recent experience has been as Counsel with the Department of Transport in Ottawa (1976-1985). He has provided the following summary of his experience.

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Extensive experience in corporate and commercial law, in particular, construction contracting, commercial leasing, consulting contracting, off-shore contract management, equipment lease financing, railway and air law.

Advised the Department of Transport in matters relating to carriage of goods by sea, interpretation of the Hamburg Rules, charterparty agreements.

Experience in international business law and have prepared documentation on financing of foreign turn-key project for Export Development Corporation.

Fifteen years experience in drafting and negotiating of commercial contracts and financing arrangements.

Fifteen years experience in dealing with senior officials and lawyers within and outside Government including the drafting of legislation.

Acted as Acting Director on a temporary basis from time to time during the last five years of my career. "

Any country that is interested in making use of Mr Nelson's services should contact him at the abovementioned address. It is understood that a referee's report on Mr Nelson may be obtained from M. Gerard Bertrand, QC, Chief Legislative Counsel, Department of Justice, 344 Wellington Street, Ottawa, K1A 0H8, Canada.

Mr Michael Clegg, QC, who is the Parliamentary Counsel for the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, Canada, has indicated that he is in a position during certain times of the year to undertake short-term drafting projects for countries outside Canada, whether the work is to be done in the country concerned or is to be sent to him in Alberta. He has been the Parliamentary Counsel for the Legislative Assembly of Alberta since 1975 and his present responsibilities are as follows:

Drafting legislation for private Members

Responsible for Government Bills from time of introduction

Speaker's counsel; procedural advisor to the Assembly

Counsel to the Committees of the Assembly

Examiner of private Bills

Solicitor to the Chief Electoral Officer

Mr Clegg's address is 315 Legislature Building,  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T5K 2B6.

#### New Members

The following persons have been admitted to membership of the Association:

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