

Introduction

The Commonwealth Secretariat published the first edition of *Commonwealth Organisations* in 1977 to meet the need for information about non-governmental activity in the Commonwealth and to promote co-operation among unofficial organisations and between them and the official Commonwealth. The handbook was well received, and a revised edition was published in 1979. This third edition is also completely revised on the basis of information provided by the organisations listed. Inevitably, some organisations are omitted because information was not available.

The Commonwealth Secretariat is most appreciative of the help and advice received from many organisations and individuals, and of the excellent response to requests for new and revised information. It will welcome any comments, amendments or additions which would be of use for further editions of *Commonwealth Organisations*.