

Preface

At their Meeting in Barbados in 1980 Commonwealth Law Ministers agreed that the question of appeals by the prosecution against acquittals and sentences be included in the Agenda for their deliberations. However, in the event, there was insufficient time to discuss the item, so that Ministers agreed instead that the Secretariat be invited to collate Commonwealth experience on the topic and expand the short paper it had prepared for the Meeting.

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