

Preface

This survey was first published as a companion to the text of the Scheme for the Rendition of Fugitive Offenders within the Commonwealth, agreed by Commonwealth Law Ministers at their meeting in London in 1966, and has been revised on at least four previous occasions.

The Scheme itself has been amended in a number of respects at two subsequent Meetings by Law Ministers, in 1983 (Colombo) and 1986 (Harare), to reflect, and to take advantage of, the improvements and developments in modern extradition practice. Similarly, the survey has been revised periodically to reflect changes that have taken place in national extradition legislation.

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