**NOMINATION FOR EUROPE REGION OF CALC**

**Adrian John HOGARTH** (UK OPC)

I accept nomination to stand as a Council member for the Europe Region of CALC

**Nominated** by: Dame Brenda King (Northern Ireland)

**Seconded** by: Ross Carter (New Zealand)

I have served as a Europe rep for CALC since 2015 and am CALC’s main liaison in London with the Commonwealth Secretariat and the other legal Commonwealth Associations.

I have assisted in a number of projects on CALC’s behalf, helping present two 3-day workshops to Commonwealth MPs, officials and drafters on Modern Slavery legislation, and acting as an expert consultant on the Human Dignity Trust’s project to assist Commonwealth countries modernise discriminatory legislation. Previously, as lead counsel at the Law Commission I welcomed and presented to numerous delegations from Commonwealth countries.

As Europe rep I always seek to represent the interests of all Commonwealth countries and jurisdictions in the Europe region, and have taken steps to extend CALC’s membership in Malta and Cyprus.

In the next two years the Council has a lot to do to re-establish CALC’s normal activities and “in-person” events, as well as supporting the Commonwealth Secretariat in its work on legislative projects and helping countries build drafting capability. I believe I am well-placed to assist in this work.

For the first time we are using individual electronic voting for the elections to the Council. It is important that we all use our votes this year, whoever you wish to vote for. There is much to do on your behalf and CALC works best with an active Council with a mandate from an active membership.

Adrian Hogarth