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The object of this short newsletter is to give further information about the eighth Commonwealth Law Conference to be held in Jamaica in 1986 and to correct some errors in the previous newsletter in relation to the Conference.

2. The CALC program for Wednesday 10 September is to be as follows:

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| 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. | <u>"Statute law: Consolidation, Publication and the Keeping of Published Texts Up-to-Date"</u> . |
| 12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m. | <u>CALC lunch</u> presided over by Mr Justice O.D. Marsh (First Parliamentary Counsel, Jamaica). |
| 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. | <u>"Electronic aids in legislative drafting"</u> . Discussion led by legislative drafters from the Canadian Federal Government and Canadian Provincial Governments. |
| 4 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. | <u>Refreshments</u> |
| 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. | <u>General Meeting of CALC</u> |

3. The general program for Thursday 11 September will include -

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9.30 a.m. to
12.30 p.m.

"The Legislative Process Today"
Chairman, Sir George Engle, KCB, QC.
Papers on -

- (a) Should our statutes be simpler?
(Mr Justice Nazareth, CBE)
- (b) Should there be greater public participation in the legislative process?
(Mr Karl Hudson-Phillips, QC, former Attorney-General of Trinidad and Tobago).
- (c) Shorter Parliamentary enactments and longer Executive regulations -
Pros and Cons
(CALC nominee)

2.30 p.m. to
4.30 p.m.

"Statutory Interpretation, the role of the Judiciary"
Papers on -

- (a) Judicial interpretation in Constitutional Law
(Mr Justice Bhagwati, India)
- (b) Judicial interpretation in Commercial Law.
- (c) Judicial interpretation in Industrial Law

4. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, offers by CALC members to speak, or to contribute papers in absentia, on either the Wednesday morning or Wednesday afternoon topics are sought. Talks should be not more than 10-15 minutes each. Would anyone wishing to contribute in this way please let Geoff Kolts know the proposed subject. It is proposed to distribute copies of the texts of these talks to all CALC members in Jamaica as the equivalent of the printed papers for the main Conference sessions. It is hoped that there will be as many speakers as possible to tell their CALC colleagues of significant developments in their own jurisdictions.