

refer to "The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland". The representatives of Canada, Australia and New Zealand thought there were advantages in referring to "The United Kingdom" *tout court* in their several styles for the Queen.

5. It was similarly agreed that South Africa and Ceylon would give the Queen the style of "Elizabeth the Second, Queen of South Africa (or Ceylon) and of Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth". Pakistan will follow the precise form used in the United Kingdom, minus, as I have said "Grace of God" and "Defender of the Faith".

6. It is hoped to prepare an agreed communique indicating the concurrence of the governments concerned to the others seeking the modifications they severely feel to be required in the Queen's title. Since the Commonwealth parliaments are seldom simultaneously in session, an agreed legislative timetable appeared to be impracticable, but it was thought that the countries concerned might proceed with their respective domestic legislation with a proviso that the new royal styles and titles should be brought into force by proclamation on an agreed date, preferably before the Coronation.

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Press Release by Office of Prime Minister

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The Prime Ministers and other representatives of Commonwealth countries assembled in London for the Commonwealth Economic Conference have considered the form of the Royal Title.

They recognised that the present title is not in accord with current constitutional relations within the Commonwealth, and that there is need for a new form of title which will, in particular, reflect the special position of the Sovereign as head of the Commonwealth. They concluded, after full consideration, that in the present stage of development of the Commonwealth relationship, it would be in accord with the established constitutional position that each member country should use for its own purposes a form of title which suits its own particular circumstances but retains a substantial element which is common to all. They agreed that the various forms of the title should, in addition to an appropriate territorial designation, have as their common element the description of the Sovereign as Queen of Her Other Realms and Territories and Head of the Commonwealth.

The representatives of all the Commonwealth countries concerned have agreed to take, at the earliest convenient opportunity, such action as is necessary in each country to secure the appropriate constitutional approval for the changes now envisaged. Her Majesty will then be advised to exercise her prerogative power by the issue of proclamations giving effect to such changes in the title as may be recommended. It is contemplated that the proclamation will be issued simultaneously in all the countries concerned.