

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Legal Aid (Amendment) Ordinance 1988

Ordinance No. 41 of 1988

The Legal Aid (Amendment) Ordinance 1988 amends the Legal Aid Ordinance 1977 ("the Ordinance") so that a person who applies for legal assistance for the purpose of securing the recognition or enforcement of a decision given in proceedings in a Contracting State within the meaning of the Convention on International Access to Justice signed at the Hague on 25 October 1980 will be entitled to legal assistance without a further examination of his or her circumstances as would otherwise be the case under section 28 of the Ordinance.

Details of the Ordinance are:

Section 1 deals with citation.

Section 2 states that the Legal Aid Ordinance 1977 is the Principal Ordinance.

Section 3 amends section 28 of the Principal Ordinance so that legal assistance is granted if certain criteria are satisfied, subject to section 28A.

Section 4 inserts section 28A into the Principal Ordinance. Section 28A provides that an applicant for legal assistance falling within the terms of the Convention is entitled to legal assistance.

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