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### COMMONWEALTH LAW MINISTERS MEETING 2022

The Honourable Attorney General, Dato Seri Paduka Haji Ahmad bin Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Di-Raja Dato Laila Utama Haji Awang Isa, is currently attending the Meeting of the Commonwealth Law Ministers (CLMM) being held from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in Balaclava, Mauritius. The Brunei delegation includes officials from the Attorney General's Chambers.

This CLMM is the first in-person meeting for the Commonwealth Law Ministers and Attorney Generals since the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting is attended by Law Ministers, Attorney Generals and delegates from 31 Commonwealth countries.

A Commonwealth Senior Officials of Law Ministries Meeting (SOLM) was also held prior to the CLMM on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 in Balaclava, Mauritius.

The meeting was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius, The Honourable Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, and is being chaired by the Attorney General of the Republic of Mauritius, The Honourable Maneesh Gobin. The Secretary General of the Commonwealth, The Right Honourable Baroness Patricia Scotland KC, is also present during the CLMM.

The theme of this year's meeting is 'Strengthening international cooperation through the rule of law and the protection of human rights' to address how strengthening the rule of law through effective legal frameworks, law, policy and strong institutions, and commitment to the principles of equality, justice and human rights helps countries to achieve cooperation in a wide range of areas.

Topics discussed at this CLMM include equal access to justice, artificial intelligence in judicial decision-making in criminal justice systems, mutual legal assistance, digital economy, data protection, alternative dispute resolution, and diversity in judicial appointments.

Commonwealth Law Ministers and Attorney Generals meet biennially to share best practices and improve collaboration among countries who share a common legal tradition. The meeting enables Law Ministers and Attorney Generals to set clear directions on a range of legal, rule of law and justice issues of mutual interest to member countries.

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