REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI

(No. 1 of 1995)

I assent,

Beretitenti

Assented: 13th February 1995

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF KIRIBATI

Commencement: 1995

MADE by the Maneaba ni. Maungatabu and assented to by the Beretitenti.

Short Title

1. This Act may be cited as the Constitution (Amendment) Act 1995.

Amendment of Section 40

2. Section 40 of the Constitution is amended by repealing the word "eight" in the second line and substituting the word "ten".

Amendment of Sections 100, 101, 113, 114, 115 and 136

3. Sections 100(2), 101(1), 113(5), 114(1), (2), (3), (4), and (5), 115(4)(a) and 136(1) of the Constitution are amended by repealing the words "Director of Audit" wherever they occur therein and substituting the words "Auditor General".

Amendment of Section 114

4. Section 114(1) of the Constitution is amended by repealing the word "a" occurring immediately before the word "Director of Audit" in the first line and substituting the word "an".

CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) ACT 1995

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The main purpose of this Constitutional amendment Act is twofold:—

- (a) To implement the Government's policy to create two extra Ministries in addition to the existing ones; and
- (b) To enable a change of title from "Director of Audit" to "Auditor General".
- 1. In order to achieve (a) it is necessary to amend section 40 of the Constitution and therefore Section 2 of the Act seeks to amend the said section of the Constitution so as to make provision for the establishment of two extra Ministries because as it stands now only 10 Ministries are recognized, one of them being under the control of the Beretitenti and the other under the Kauoman—ni—Beretitenti.
- 2. Section 3 of the Act seeks to repeal the word 'Director of Audit' and to substitute for it the words 'Auditor General' wherever they occur in the aforementioned sections of the Constitution. This achieves (b).

It is desirable to do so, since the title 'Director of Audit' is a reminiscence of the colonial era that is no longer being used by the Commonwealth Countries of today. The phrase 'Auditor General' is being used in its place and is more appropriate in the International Community, Director of Audit being a person who is usually ranked below the Auditor General.

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