*These notes relate to the International Criminal Court (Scotland) Act* 2001 (asp 13) which received Royal Assent on 24 September 2001

## INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2001

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

THE ACT

Background

Part 1 - Offences

## Section 10 – Amendment of Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

23. This section pertains to the protection of victims and witnesses. Victims and witnesses will be entitled to the same protection as in domestic law and the safeguards provided in sections 50, 92, 271 and 274 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 will apply. However, it is considered necessary to extend the restrictions on evidence relating to sexual offences which is not admissible, to offences under sections 1 and 2 of the Act which involve a sexual offence, and this amendment of the 1995 Act has that effect.