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Whitehall, February 6, 1952

Upon the intimation that our late Most Gracious Sovereign King George the Sixth had died in his sleep at Sandringham in the early hours of this morning the Lords of the Privy Council assembled this day at St James's Palace, and gave orders for proclaiming her present majesty:

Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy our late Sovereign Lord King George the Sixth of Blessed and Glorious Memory by whom representatives of other members of the Commonwealth, with Principal Gentlemen of Quality, with the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Citizens of London, do now hereby with Advice and Consent of Tongue and Heart publish and proclaim that the High and Mighty Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary is now, by the Death of our late Sovereign of Happy Memory, become Queen Elizabeth the Second, with Faith and constant Obedience, with hearty and humble Allegiance; beseeching God, by whom Kings and Queens do reign, to bless the Royal Princess Elizabeth the Second with long and happy Years to reign over us.

Given at St. James's Palace this Sixth Day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two.

<i>Simonds C.</i>	<i>W. S. Morrison.</i>	<i>Harry Crookshank.</i>	<i>Norfolk, E.M.</i>
<i>Winston S. Churchill.</i>	<i>C. R. Attlee.</i>	<i>Leathers.</i>	<i>Ogmore.</i>
<i>David Maxwell Fyfe.</i>	<i>Waverley.</i>	<i>Selbourne.</i>	<i>James Griffiths.</i>
<i>Woolton.</i>	<i>Samuel.</i>	<i>Davidson.</i>	<i>Arthur G. Bottomley.</i>

# SWEARING IN THE NEW KING: THE ACCESSION DECLARATIONS AND CORONATION OATHS

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# Chapter 1: Introduction

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## Current practices in other European monarchies





## Chapter 2: Constitutional and legal status of accession declaration and oaths









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# Chapter 4: Ideal reformulation

# Chapter 5: Revising the texts

(a) Accession declaration



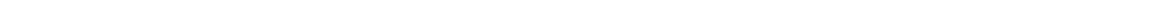
Mini change

Midi changes

Maxi change

## (d) The Coronation Oath

*Introduction*







Mini change

*I solemnly promise so to do.*

*I will*

*All this I promise to do.*

Midi changes

*I solemnly promise so to do.*





# Chapter 6: Conclusions and recommendations

General

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SUMMARY OF OPTIONS FOR THE ACCESSION DECLARATION AND  
UPDATING THE OATHS

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Accession Declaration

Scottish Oath

*Text used in 1952 -*

5. Mini change – This and the Midi draft alternatives would not require legislation but the Maxi alternative would...

*added*

Maxi change

Oath under the Accession Declaration Act 1910

Unchanged text

Midi change –

Maxi change

Coronation Oath



*I solemnly promise so to do.*

*I will*

*All this I promise to do.*

*And the King answering,*

Possible amendments

Mini change

*I solemnly promise so to do.*

*I will*

*All this I promise to do.*

Midi change

*I solemnly promise so to do.*

*I will*

*All this I promise to do.*

Maxi change

*I solemnly promise so to do.*

*I will*

*All this I promise to do.*

TEXT OF THE RELEVANT STATUTES, AND OATHS THEY PRESCRIBE<sup>31</sup>

(I) The Scottish Oath

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Union with Scotland Act 1706 (1706 c. 11 6\_Ann)

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(II) Accession Declaration

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*the requirement to swear*







STATEMENT OF CORONATION OATH CHANGES 1953

The Prime Minister

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Mr. Attlee



Mr. E. Fletcher

The Prime Minister

Mr. Healy

The Prime Minister

Mr. Healy

Mr. Emrys Hughes

The Prime Minister

REGENT'S OATH UNDER THE REGENCY ACT 1937

*here insert the name of the Sovereign*

*here insert the name of the Sovereign*