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**MEMO**

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**From:** Steve Lee and Nasreen Bhimani

**Date:** February 25, 1997

**Re:** Roundtable on Nigeria, February 10, 1997

Attached, please find the summary report from the Roundtable with the Commonwealth associations. Minister Axworthy and Secretary of State Stewart both attended. The Roundtable was chaired by Steve Lee and the proceedings were recorded by Nasreen Bhimani. Some follow-up actions have been recommended and some are required. Please note the request for outside monitoring of the trials now underway. Some attention is also required on the Botswana meeting of African leaders, and initiatives to support Commonwealth activities in Canada and abroad. Since the Roundtable, we have had discussions with Joe Stern, Martha Nelems, Roderick Bell and Julia Wayand.

Your comments are welcome.

cc. Michael Pearson, Senior Policy Advisor, MINA  
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