

HGM Review of Commonwealth Communications

12. We strongly recommend that next year's meeting of Heads of Government should make a fresh assessment of the Commonwealth's information and education resources against the background of the continuing and future value of a truly effective and credible Commonwealth. In this regard, we suggest that the Secretariat should assemble relevant background papers -- covering the official and unofficial Commonwealth -- for consideration in detail by the senior officials' committee that meets concurrently with the HGM.

13. Apart from the recommendations in this paper for maximising the value of NGOs in projecting an accurate and favourable picture of the modern Commonwealth, the Commission agreed on a series of positive measures to assist with information and education. These recommendations are submitted as an attachment to this report.

14. A pragmatic and determined approach on the lines proposed would increase public understanding and support for the Commonwealth and thus help guarantee the future of one of the world's most effective instruments for international co-operation and goodwill.

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Chairman

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