

39. Heads of Government endorsed the Special Report by Finance Ministers on money laundering and asked Finance Ministers to review progress on the implementation of the Report's recommendations and to report to CHOGM in 1997. They also asked Law Ministers to review progress on the implementation of other measures to combat money laundering, and similarly to report to CHOGM. They noted the nefarious links between drug trafficking, commercial crime and money laundering and agreed that strong political commitment and stringent legislative and administrative measures were required for the problem to be effectively tackled.

Small States

40. Heads of Government welcomed the Report of the Chairperson of the Commonwealth Ministerial Group on Small States, which met on the eve of CHOGM, covering such issues as sustainable development, the implications of adjusting to the new international trading system, and security concerns. They acknowledged the importance of a forum to address the concerns of small states and noted the priorities identified by small states in these areas and the recommendations contained in the Report and called for follow-up action as necessary.

Commonwealth Functional Co-operation

41. Heads of Government considered various aspects of Commonwealth functional co-operation, which they reaffirmed as crucial to conferring the benefits of membership on member states and, in this context, strongly endorsed the attached Report of the Committee of the Whole. They urged that the Secretariat's efforts be intensified to establish priorities in these areas, based on the Commonwealth's comparative advantage.

Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation

42. Heads of Government recognised the important role played by the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation in supporting the social and economic development of member countries, in the priority areas identified in the Harare Commonwealth Declaration. They recognised the resource constraints facing the CFTC and agreed, within the means of each country, to consider increasing the flow of resources to the Fund.

Public Service Reform and Good Government

43. Heads of Government endorsed the Secretary-General's initiative 'Towards a New Public Administration' aimed at assisting member countries in their ef-