

attitude towards the Commonwealth. We must go further I believe; we must preserve this unique association as a servant to the world at large not exclusively concerned with its own problems - but as a catalyst for the world community. We, and this has been a basic theme of Heads of Government Meetings, have been deeply concerned over developments in Southern Africa, in particular the question of apartheid. This is a geographic area where the Commonwealth has already taken some useful steps. An example is the Commonwealth Technical Assistance Fund for Mozambique. Obviously in this, as in other areas, Commonwealth efforts must be co-ordinated with those of the United Nations but I believe that there is a role to play and in which the Commonwealth as a whole can serve the international community in this key area of international action.

The developments touching world economic arrangements are already under examination by the Commonwealth. We would hope that the desire expressed by the Heads of Government recommending that ways be sought to bring about a basic change in the world economic system will be served as well as the whole of the world community, by the work of the McIntyre Group on the New International Economic Order. Similarly, steps towards a model agreement on the transfer of technology between countries might also be a useful Commonwealth example that could be applied universally.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have listed only a few areas where the Commonwealth can play a unique role, provide an example for the rest of the world community. This list could be extended to other fields and indeed Commonwealth co-operation covers just about every major area there