

48. All in all a sorry picture. Can the Commonwealth play a significant role to mitigate the situation?

49. With problems of population and health being global in nature, we see the Commonwealth's role essentially as an intergral part of the effort of the larger international community. However, we do think there is a unique usefulness that comes from the Commonwealth's ability to draw on its family ties of influence, shared values and history of mutual assistance, friendship and understanding.

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