

There is one other dimension of this committee which I want to convey to this House.

We are eight countries, from five continents. None of us is a superpower, and some, like Guyana, are states with profound economic problems of their own, while others, of the Front Line States, are vulnerable every day to destabilization from South Africa.

That we came together gave evident hope to groups like the South African Council of Churches, whose representatives we met.

What we can do together will enlarge the information and initiative and will to fight apartheid in peaceful and practical ways.

That we are together is the best answer to the fear at the heart of apartheid - the fear that different races, different colours, can't work together. The Commonwealth is the antithesis of apartheid. We are different races, different colours, working together. I expect this committee will help us continue our progress.