

of geography or race without undermining the public support we as representatives can count on when forthright statements are required.

But when I speak of human rights, I do not restrict myself to political and civil rights. There are, as I have suggested earlier, those economic and social rights, too, which we must respect and strive for - the right to decent housing, enough food, the right to work. If our world remains entrenched in disparities of wealth and poverty, if we remain deaf to dialogue which alone can lead us forward in a positive way, we cannot hope to make progress.

On a final specific issue, I wish to mention the recent Gleneagles agreement by which all our governments have agreed to take practical steps to discourage contact or competition by nationals with sporting organizations, teams, or sportsmen from South Africa or any other country where sports are organized on the basis of race, colour or ethnic origin. I believe this is a reasonable and workable approach to this issue and that we can be happy with the way in which the Commonwealth's statement on sport has been applied to date by members of the community we represent. I sincerely look forward to seeing full contingents from all of your countries at the Commonwealth Games that will take place in Edmonton next year. It is important that our youth meet one another in friendly competition, for it is only on this type of solid basis that we can build the future.

In conclusion, may I wish you well in your deliberations. I commend to all of you a rereading of the Declaration of Commonwealth Principles adopted at the Heads of Government Meeting in Singapore in 1971. It is an eloquent document which attests to the high ideals and vitality of the Commonwealth. The membership of the Commonwealth reflects the world and I would have - in many ways - the world reflect the Commonwealth. The search for global security is continuous. The challenges of security are varied and the threats many. We will however persevere. Let us look to the future with optimism and a commitment to our common purposes. The Commonwealth is unique and together we can build a more secure and just world.