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Today, the Commonwealth is a fraternity of sovereign countries, associated states and dependent territories of which the total population represents more than a quarter of the human race. Within the Commonwealth, some 250 non-governmental organizations are working to establish common values. Structures for consultation and co-operation have been set up, associations have been formed and subsidized institutions have been created. In 1978, Canada hosted the eleventh Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, the twelfth Conference of the Association of Commonwealth Universities and the second General Conference of the Commonwealth Council for Educational Administration.