

Co-operation, including the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation (CFTC), the Commonwealth Consultative Group on Technology Management (CCGTM) and Commonwealth Sport. They expressed their conviction that all of these Programmes were of demonstrable benefit to member countries and provided vital underpinning to the Commonwealth association. They noted with concern the financial constraints faced by these Programmes in the last two years. They urged all concerned to make every effort to sustain and where possible increase their pledges to them.

Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation

65. Heads of Government noted with approval the wide range of technical assistance provided to developing member countries under the CFTC. They expressed satisfaction with the renewed efforts by member countries to ensure that the Fund was adequately resourced to enable it to continue to deliver effectively technical assistance in the priority areas related to social and economic development charted by the Harare Commonwealth Declaration. In that context, Heads of Government welcomed the proposed review of the Secretariat's 'C' Programmes (Assisting Sustainable Development) wholly or partly funded by the CFTC.

Commonwealth Consultative Group on Technology Management

66. Heads of Government welcomed the achievements of the CCGTM and the importance of the application of technology in development. They commended the initiative to establish a CCGTM/Private Sector Partnership launched by the Prime Minister of Malaysia in February 1993 which sought to promote a co-operative global approach to the harnessing of technology for development through public and private sector partnerships. In noting the valuable services which the CCGTM sought to provide to member governments, Heads of Government welcomed new pledges of support from some members and urged others to follow suit in order to lessen the current constraints on the CCGTM's core resources. They requested the Secretary-General to examine, through a working group, the most appropriate financial and organic structure for the CCGTM, with a view to enabling it to operate its Private Sector Partnership according to acceptable accountability principles, and for the Secretary-General to report back to them within six months.

Youth Affairs

67. Heads of Government commended the success of the Commonwealth Youth Programme. They welcomed the proposal of the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka for a Global Summit on Youth at an agreed date and invited the Secretariat to consult with member countries on the pursuit of this initiative.