

We live in such a period, but with faith in the right. Fortified by far-seeing action, we shall not fail.

Interdependence among the free nations, and not independence, has become a political imperative of this age. Indeed interdependence is the only sure foundation for survival. The peoples of the Commonwealth have a message for mankind, having learned by trial and error the secret of integration in a world threatened by the forces of disintegration.

I believe with all my heart that it is given to the members of this Conference to provide the means whereby the future of this Commonwealth will be assured, and mankind everywhere will benefit.

I believe that out of this conference will come a renewed unity and determination to exert in partnership with other nations of like dedication, and ever-widening influence for good among the peoples of the world.

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