

enable countries to have more control over their own plans. If any regime did choose isolation over reform, then the Commonwealth must be ready to work with its successors to welcome that country back. But few countries will want to turn down genuine assistance – and none can really afford to walk out of a good governance club. All countries need a reputation for real reform in order to grow.

Reinventing the Commonwealth will enable its members to make their common values pay off. They can win real rewards – not just of enhanced growth, prosperity and social development, but of genuine ownership of their own solutions as they seek to prosper in a globalised world.