

and in providing a forum for an intimate and friendly exchange of views among virtually all races of mankind, the Commonwealth is embarking on a new era in which it could have, and I hope it will have, a value broader and deeper than it has had in the world at any time in the past.

May I conclude, Mr. Speaker, by reading just one short sentence from the communiqué which expressed that point of view. Referring to the Commonwealth, the communiqué says:

"It is, indeed, a cross-section of the world itself; and its citizens have an unparalleled opportunity to prove that, by mutual co-operation, men and women of many different races and national cultures can live in peace and work together for the common good."

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