

of expertise and a variety of experience which made it possible to strive for attainable goals.

Briefly, the conference aimed at producing recommendations on closer co-operation within the unofficial Commonwealth, on the machinery for a continuing dialogue between the official and the unofficial Commonwealth, and on increasing public understanding of the Commonwealth. A summary of conclusions and recommendations will be sent to all Commonwealth governments for consideration by Commonwealth Heads of Government who will meet in London in June, 1977. Some preliminary discussion has already taken place in official circles. When senior officials of Commonwealth governments met in Canberra in May, 1976, they discussed the role of non-governmental organizations in the Commonwealth and decided to await the outcome of the Dalhousie Conference.

This is the first conference to bring together persons who are active in Commonwealth NGOs. We record with great satisfaction (1) the air of realism which pervaded the discussions; (2) the agreement to seek limited objectives and take cognisance of the fiscal restraints within which all Commonwealth governments now operate; (3) the readiness of all participants to assist us with advice and suggestions both during and after the sessions, and (4) the practical nature of most of the resulting proposals. Everyone contributed to the truly "Commonwealth spirit" which was present throughout.