

For years the Commonwealth has provided international leadership in the movement against apartheid in South Africa. At the last Heads of Government Meeting in Nassau, its members agreed to a common program of action designed to speed the abandonment of racial segregation and promote the establishment of representative government in that country. The Commonwealth is also playing a key role in maintaining North/South dialogue and in focussing attention on the economic and debt problems of the world's poorest nations. In emphasizing the need to integrate women as full partners in the economic development process the Commonwealth has been in the vanguard.