

95. Heads of Government also welcomed the announcement that, to mark the Fortieth Anniversary of the modern Commonwealth, Canada will offer 40 scholarships a year for five years as an additional contribution to the CFTC. In recognition of the adoption of the Langkawi Declaration, Canada suggested that these scholarships could most appropriately be dedicated to environmental studies.

96. Heads of Government noted the positive role which NGOs (including the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council) and others could play in maintaining and increasing awareness of environmental issues, in particular climate change. They encouraged the development and strengthening of consultative arrangements between NGOs and governments to help in clarifying environmental issues.

97. Heads of Government asked the Secretariat to strengthen its ability to assist governments, on request, in the environmental field through policy development work, and through CFTC technical assistance, so as to give effect to the Programme of Action of the Langkawi Declaration. They requested the Managing Director of the CFTC to report to the next Commonwealth Senior Officials Meeting on the extent of support which can be offered through the CFTC to programmes which address environmental concerns.