

recognised the potential value of consultations between the Commonwealth and other relevant organizations. Heads of Government requested the Secretary-General to convene the Commonwealth Ministerial Group on Belize whenever necessary.

Mediterranean

37. Heads of Government reaffirmed their support for continuing efforts to bring about regional consultations among Mediterranean States with a view to strengthening co-operation and resolving problems in the region.

38. They noted that recent events in the region had underlined the linkage which exists between Mediterranean security and security in Europe as well as international peace and security. In that regard, they noted with interest the proposals for a Conference on Security and Co-operation in the Mediterranean and for the setting up of a Council for the Mediterranean to be a forum for political, economic and social dialogue for the region.

The Middle East

39. Reviewing international developments in relation to the Middle East, Heads of Government welcomed the signing on 13 September 1993 of the Declaration of Principles by the Government of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization as representing an historic contribution to advancing reconciliation, peace and security in the region. They expressed the hope that the momentum for peace would be sustained and that negotiations involving all parties in the Middle East would lead to a just and comprehensive settlement in the interest of all the people of the region.

Bosnia-Herzegovina

40. Heads of Government expressed deep concern at the continuing hostilities and violence in Bosnia-Herzegovina. They strongly condemned the blatant violations of human rights, including the policy of 'ethnic-cleansing', as an affront to civilised humanity and called for an immediate end to these practices. Reaffirming the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of Bosnia-Herzegovina, they urged the international community to make all efforts to urgently arrive at a just, equitable and comprehensive political settlement based on strict adherence to the provisions of the UN Charter, the decisions of the Security Council, international law and the principles adopted by the London International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia, in order to