

2. lack of political will by governments to fulfill the commitments they have signed up to;
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3. the Commonwealth's inability so far to fight its way on to the front page of the world's media; and
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4. the ignorance or indifference of so many among the intelligent young, on whose imagination and energy the fate of the Commonwealth will depend.
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The rich agenda of this week's meeting provides a wonderful opportunity to address these questions. I am sure you will come up with trenchant and relevant answers. As a humble labourer in the Commonwealth vineyard, I look forward to your offerings with impatience and I thank you for listening to me today.

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