many vital differences. Cyprus has the quiet of an uneasy calm. Singapore and Malaysia look across their former frontier and wonder about their destiny. Colour, racial pride and sensitiveness dominate thinking within, as indeed it does without, the Commonwealth, as the white minority on this planet, learns to adjust itself to new global realities and compulsions. Under-developed states – that is materially under-developed states – view with concern the policies and the affluence of materially advanced ones and wait for a sign that something even beyond aid will help them catch up, in time if not in full measure. In all of these developments, I see difficulties ahead for the Commonwealth, but I also see challenges and opportunities for leadership and for understanding and for a helping hand from all of us.

Despite its troubles the Commonwealth remains a great international multi-racial association at a time when we need this kind of thing. It is worth while strengthening and preserving, very much so, and I can assure you that the policy of the Canadian Government will continue to be devoted to that good end.

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