

membership and therefore to warmly welcome that country as the 53rd member of the association.

Venue of 1997 Meeting

49. Heads of Government accepted with great pleasure the offer of the British Government to host their next Meeting in 1997.

50. Heads of Government thanked the Secretariat for the work it had done since their Cyprus Meeting and, in particular, commended the Secretary-General for the leadership he had continued to provide in the affairs of the Commonwealth.