

Report of the Commonwealth Sanctions Committee and authorized the Committee to continue its work. It was agreed that in the light of the recommendations contained in that Report further efforts should be made to render sanctions more effective pending an acceptable settlement. Heads of Government also took note of the development of the Special Commonwealth Program for Assisting the Education of Rhodesian Africans and supported its continuation. The Zambian Foreign Minister expressed his Government's appreciation of Commonwealth assistance to Zambia.

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Commonwealth functional co-operation

"Heads of Government agreed that functional co-operation was an important and dynamic aspect of the Commonwealth. They expressed warm appreciation of the way in which the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation (CFTC) was developing in meeting the priority needs of member countries, and commented favourably on its flexibility and speedy response. They agreed that activities undertaken through the Fund should be intensified and commended for further study various proposals for their extension.

"Heads of Government noted with appreciation the generous contributions being made by several governments, and especially by Canada, and hoped that further contributions on a voluntary basis would be provided by other participating countries.

"Heads of Government noted the Secretary-General's proposal for a target of between 1 per cent and 2 per cent of total Commonwealth aid flows through Commonwealth multilateral channels. They agreed that further consideration should be given at the next Finance Minister's meeting to the means by which an increased flow could be brought about.

"Heads of Government agreed to refer the proposal for the establishment of

a Commonwealth development bank and a report on export credit financing in Commonwealth developing countries to Commonwealth Finance Ministers for consideration.

"Heads of Government gave preliminary consideration to a proposal for a Commonwealth Centre for Applied Studies in Government and agreed that the detailed requirements for such a Centre should be studied and a report prepared for consideration, if possible, by senior Commonwealth officials in 1974.

Commonwealth Youth Program

"Heads of Government endorsed the Commonwealth Youth Program which was approved by Ministers concerned with youth matters. They agreed that the scope of the program should take into account the particular needs of individual countries and expressed warm appreciation of the pledges which had been made towards the agreed target of one million pounds over three years. Heads of Government instructed the Secretary-General to proceed with the immediate implementation of the agreed program."

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The Commonwealth and the world

The United Nations and the Commonwealth are the only two world-wide organizations of nations in existence. The Commonwealth is complementary to the UN and the two bodies work together. Member countries of the Commonwealth are free to belong to any other international organization.

If a country wants to join the Commonwealth it must apply to the Commonwealth Secretary-General, who then asks all member countries if they will accept the newcomer. This happened in the case of Bangladesh. If a country wants to leave the Commonwealth it simply notifies the other members through the Secretary-General. This happened in the case of Pakistan.

The Commonwealth's aid-giving countries are Britain, Canada, Australia, India, New Zealand, Malaysia and Singapore. Most of their aid goes to Commonwealth countries. In Britain's case the figure is 90 per cent. But now the Commonwealth has its own multi-lateral aid scheme - the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation.

Canadian contribution to Commonwealth Youth Program

Canada will contribute \$930,000 to the new Commonwealth Youth Program over the next three years.

The Program was approved in principle at the meeting of Commonwealth Ministers concerned with Youth Matters held in Lusaka, Zambia from January 29 to February 3, 1973. At that time, the conference agreed that its secretariat should examine the areas of leadership training, information exchange, technical assistance, and exchanges of youth workers and instructors.

It was agreed in principle that the Commonwealth Youth Program would be supported by contributions from member nations. The total proposed cost over three years is \$2.8 million. Canada will pay 30 per cent but would be prepared to go to 40 per cent (about \$1,239,000) in the event that other Commonwealth Governments were unable to make up the requirements of the Program.

The new Program will consist of the following six parts:

A Commonwealth youth services awards scheme for teams of young people engaged in projects of benefit to their communities in furthering social, educational and economic development.

Commonwealth centres for advanced studies in youth work to train professional workers.

Commonwealth fellowships for applied research to assist researchers to meet for interchange of experience, critical discussion, and co-ordination of activities.

Commonwealth bursaries for youth personnel to enable youth workers to attend courses of training in the field of youth.

Commonwealth study fellowships to assist individuals involved in youth work to visit other Commonwealth countries to obtain first-hand knowledge and experience of innovations and developments.

A Commonwealth youth information service to assemble and disseminate information on significant aspects of youth and developments.

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