

forts to improve the performance of their public services. They also welcomed the establishment of the Commonwealth Good Government Programme by New Zealand, as well as the Commonwealth Local Government Forum, the Commonwealth Association of Public Administration and Management and the Commonwealth Network on Information Technology.

Commonwealth Sport

44. Heads of Government recognised the important role of sport in promoting human resource development. Acknowledging the valuable contribution of the CHOGM Committee on Co-operation through Sport, Heads of Government extended the mandate of the Committee for a further four-year term.

Commonwealth Foundation

45. Heads of Government welcomed the Report of the Commonwealth Foundation and strongly commended the Report of the Second NGO Forum and the document: 'Non-Governmental Organisations: Guidelines for Good Policy and Practice'. They expressed support to the Foundation and urged member governments to take all possible action, including settlement of arrears, to alleviate the difficult financial situation confronting the Foundation.

Commonwealth of Learning

46. Heads of Government welcomed the Report of the Board of Governors of the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) and acknowledged the valuable role played by COL. Expressing concern at the financial crisis facing COL, they urged governments to take all possible steps to provide greater resources to the organisation at the earliest opportunity.

Commonwealth Partnership for Technology Management

47. Heads of Government welcomed the establishment of the Commonwealth Partnership for Technology Management as an innovative joint venture between governments and the private sector and urged both to contribute to it.

Membership

48. Heads of Government requested the Secretary-General to establish an inter-governmental group to examine and advise on the criteria for assessing future applications for membership of the Commonwealth. In the meantime, they decided, as an exceptional case, to accept the application by Mozambique for