

# Canada and the Commonwealth: A Partnership with a Future

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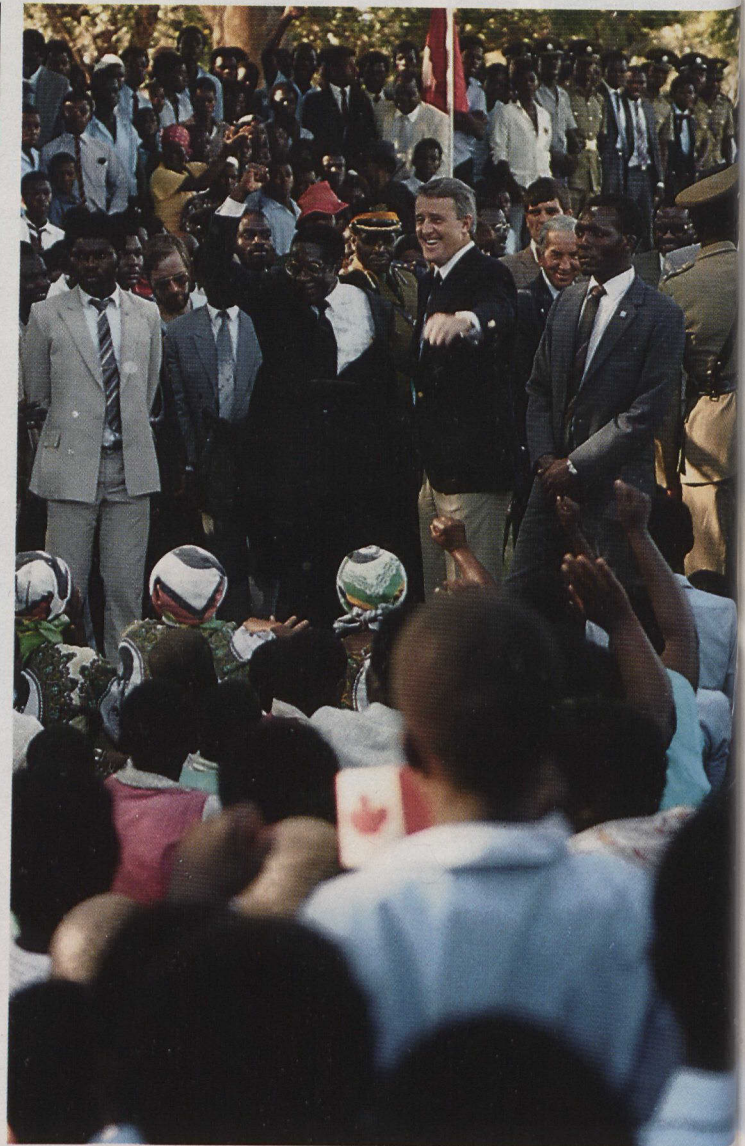
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**— Prime Minister Brian Mulroney**

Canada has always been recognized as a leading member of the Commonwealth. It has served as a middle power seeking to foster consensus among developed and developing countries. This important role will be highlighted and strengthened October 13 to 17 during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Vancouver, one of three international summits that will take place in Canada in 1987 and 1988 (see accompanying article).

Canada is the only nation in the world that combines memberships in the Commonwealth and la Francophonie, and that par-



ticipates in the annual Economic Summit of Western industrialized nations. The opportunity to host three summits within a single 12-month period gives Canada a unique opportunity, and a pressing responsibility, to act as a force for international cohesion and co-operation.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney set the tone for Canada's participation in the three summits, with his recent observation that

**Prime Minister Brian Mulroney received a warm welcome in Zimbabwe during a recent African visit.**

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