

Un monde sans frontières; un mundo sin fronteras...A world without wrongful borders of racism, hatred, and unfounded prejudice... an egalitarian society free of any illusions of colonial rule.

A young African girl, Ayoka, looks into the eyes of a Caucasian boy named Billy saying "you are my friend, my brother; my fellow Commonwealth citizen".

The year is 2049, for these two young children, the Commonwealth is absolutely remarkable; no longer an organization of 53 nations, their commonwealth is an ideal example of international cooperation. It forms the cornerstones of justice and impartiality worldwide. Their Commonwealth brothers, sisters and friends come from more than 100 diverse nations. Absolutely no man, woman or child feels excluded. The young girl and her friend know that mutual respect for all cultures prevails, bonds between citizen and citizen; nation and nation have become increasingly strengthened. To them, the Commonwealth their parents describe seems inconceivable. They marvel at the development of the Commonwealth, much more proactive than it ever was, effectively resolving conflict, dissolving animosity and promoting tolerance. The importance of every man and his potential contribution to the world at large is endorsed and appreciated.

Many millennium development goals have been achieved, the resolve of which seemed easy because of the Commonwealth's strong moral, social and political acumen. Environmental conservation is no longer just talked about and minimally dealt with; respect for the environment is commonplace and evident by our responsible actions. Summits and meetings are not just mass gatherings, through effective communication and exciting, modern mechanisms problems are mitigated. Global issues are tackled in a timely manner. Poverty has been significantly reduced. Measures have been introduced to ensure food security. To Billy and Ayoka wars and major conflicts are almost obsolete, peace is embraced more than it ever was when their parents were young.

Privileges are evenly distributed, it is constantly impressed that each nation is of equal importance to the effective existence of the Commonwealth. No country is forced to suffer; for all recognise that together we, the people of the Commonwealth, are stronger than we could ever hope to be if we stood alone.

The idea of women being heads of major organizations no longer startles anyone as female leadership is no less common than leadership by their male counterparts. In fact, the two young children could name a female Secretary General or two. Technological advances have been maximised for the common good of all. All across the Commonwealth societies have adapted to the abundant technological presence and the marvels of it are used for the benefit of the people.

From 2009 and beyond, more than ever before, the progress charted by one, is the advancement of all. While we are not communists, we are a community, and for us to win the race all our people must reach the finish line which marks development. Though the Commonwealth is still not perfect, by 2049 it has visibly grown from strength to remarkable strength. And so, by 2049 we the Commonwealth stand stronger than we ever stood before, we shine brighter than we ever shone before. Our presence is greater than it ever was.

In 2049, the young children have a lot to say about their Commonwealth. They, as well as their Commonwealth friends the world over, are fully aware of what the Commonwealth is and can speak about the many initiatives which directly affect them. They also possess their varied untainted views on what aspect of the Commonwealth matters the most to them. However, the Common Consensus is that their Commonwealth, my Commonwealth, your Commonwealth, Our Commonwealth of 2049 is a community, a family of strong resilient members all with a common goal in mind; the safety, happiness, equality and well-being of all.