



To the Commonwealth

I would like to wish all my fellow citizens of our organisation a brilliant Commonwealth Day. I am so very conscious of the excellence our grouping of nations embodies—and I'm thankful that my service in the Foreign Office offered me the chance to absorb it up close.

I know that we are the premier of the community. Our nations mark the most active, developed and democratic nations in the United Nations. That is worth being proud of.

I cannot wait to visit more nations in the Commonwealth once His Majesty the King concludes his Royal Tour. I look forward to meeting and conversing with the citizens of this age-old legion to learn what more we can do to strengthen the bonds that have guided our collective journeys.

I wish to leave you with an honest reflection: we know the Commonwealth can always be improved. Much like a real family, our family of nations must work to better ourselves. What fills me with optimism is that this work is innately done already. It is natural for our members to push for a stronger and more united Commonwealth. I know that to be the reason why we have lasted so successfully for so long.

God bless the Commonwealth. God save the King.

For King and Country,

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