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by globalisation. They recognised the contribution of the Commonwealth of Learning in supporting the efforts of Commonwealth developing countries to benefit fully from the new information and communication technologies in developing their human potential through distance education.

## **Commonwealth Functional Co-operation**

57. Heads of Government considered various aspects of Commonwealth functional co-operation, which they reaffirmed as essential for translating the benefits of membership, particularly to developing member states. They approved the attached Report of the Committee of the Whole. They requested the Secretariat to intensify its efforts to establish priorities in its areas of responsibility based on the Commonwealth's comparative advantage.

## **New Secretary-General**

58. Heads of Government unanimously elected Mr **Don McKinnon** to succeed Chief Emeka Anyaoku as Commonwealth **Secretary-General** for a four-year term beginning **1 April 2000**. They paid warm tribute to Chief Anyaoku for his exceptional services to the Commonwealth as **Secretary-General** over the last ten years and during his near 34 years of service to the Commonwealth. They believed that his contribution to the strengthening of the Commonwealth would be long remembered.

## **Next Meeting**

59. Heads of Government reaffirmed their earlier decision to accept the kind offer of the Government of Australia to host their next Meeting in 2001.

*15 November 1999*