Concluding Statement of the Seventy Fifth Meeting of the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group

1 November 2026 | St. John's Antigua and Barbuda

1. The Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group held its Seventy-Fifth Meeting on Sunday, 1 November, in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda, on the eve of the 2026 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

2. The meeting was chaired by the Honourable Chris Fearne, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of Malta. The Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa, the Honourable Mulipola Anarosa Ale Molioʻo, Honourable Ministers and distinguished representatives from Antigua and Barbuda, Botswana, Canada, Grenada, Malaysia, Mauritius and Zambia were in attendance.

3. CMAG reaffirmed its commitment to the fundamental political values of the Commonwealth as enshrined in the Commonwealth Charter, including democracy, human rights, the rule of law, separation of powers and freedom of expression. It reiterated its support for the Secretary-General's Good Offices as an essential mechanism for advancing these values through constructive engagement, partnership, mutual respect and full regard for the sovereignty of member countries.

4. CMAG considered the situation in the Gabonese Republic. CMAG welcomed the restoration of elected constitutional government and the completion of Gabon's transition following the unconstitutional change of government of 30 August 2023. CMAG recalled the lifting of Gabon's partial suspension on 15 July 2025, and the further period of monitoring undertaken by CMAG since that decision. CMAG welcomed the progress made and decided to remove Gabon from its Formal Agenda.

5. CMAG encouraged the Secretary-General to remain engaged with Gabon through her Good Offices and to offer, at the Government's request, Commonwealth technical assistance to support the continued strengthening of the rule of law, separation of powers, democratic institutions, electoral administration, political pluralism, human rights protection, and civic and media freedoms.

6. Meeting on the eve of the 2026 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, CMAG finalised its biennial report on its work during the 2024–2026 cycle for presentation to Commonwealth Foreign Ministers and transmission to Heads of Government. CMAG reaffirmed the importance of a coherent, proportionate and restorative approach that recognises progress, sustains constructive engagement and preserves the credibility of the Commonwealth's commitment to its fundamental political values.

7. CMAG thanked the Government and people of Antigua and Barbuda for their hospitality and arrangements for the meeting and commended the Commonwealth Secretariat for its continuing support to CMAG and for its work in support of dialogue, democratic resilience, peace and good governance across the Commonwealth.

8. It was agreed that the next regular meeting of CMAG would be convened in March 2027 on the margins of Commonwealth Week in London.

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