

Closing Remarks by the Chairman Dr. the Hon. A.D. Chiduo Minister of Health, Tanzania

It is always the same when it comes to saying good-bye. One develops an emotional lump or obstruction in the throat, a sort of globus hystericus. This is what I have today.

We have been together for just over a week. But during this short time some of you have renewed acquaintances and others have discovered new friends.

We have conducted our affairs with a singleness of purpose. Everyone has contributed his or her fair share to the deliberations. The atmosphere has been pleasant and very friendly in the Commonwealth fashion.

The Secretariat have worked quietly but very efficiently like working bees, making the job of the Chairman like that of the queen bee. I have not got enough words in which to thank the Secretariat and the so-called back-room boys and girls who have made our conference a success. I think you all agree that our conference has been a success. I also think that we have achieved what we intended to achieve.

You leave us harbouring good memories of your presence here. Your stay has been short, but memorable to us. If there were occasions when you got irritated, please take it that it was never intended by us to irritate you; it was purely accidental.

Please convey our fraternal greetings to all your people in the different lands that represent the Commonwealth. And personally, I wish you very safe journeys back home. It is all well that ends well.

"Karibuni tena Tanzania," which means "Welcome again to Tanzania". God willing we shall meet again. Goodbye and God Bless.

Message to the President of Tanzania

At the closing session of the Sixth Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting, Ministers requested the Chairman to send on their behalf the following message to the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Dr. Julius K. Nyerere.

"We would like to express our deep appreciation to the Government and people of Tanzania for hosting our Meeting in the beautiful setting of Arusha. The generous hospitality and wonderful facilities extended to us have helped to foster an excellent atmosphere both inside and outside the Meeting. This has enabled us to have a genuine exchange of views and very useful discussions within the extended family of the Commonwealth. We would also wish to add our special thanks to the Minister of Health of Tanzania, the Hon. A.D. Chiduo, for the constructive manner in which he

has chaired our discussions and done so much to ensure that our stay in Arusha was a successful and happy one. We would also like to say how delighted we were that you, Mr. President, were able to honour us with your presence on Tuesday evening. We shall remember our stay in Tanzania always".