

Message to the Head of the Commonwealth

Message to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Head of the Commonwealth, from the Hon Monique Bégin, Minister of National Health and Welfare, Canada, Chairman of the Seventh Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting.

"Your Majesty,

It is my privilege and pleasure to convey to Your Majesty as Head of the Commonwealth the sincere greetings of Commonwealth Health Ministers now in session in Ottawa for their Seventh Meeting.

On this occasion the theme of our discussions is health planning and management. Ministers are seeking to identify practical measures which will strengthen the administration of health services in member countries by making the most of existing resources.

An important part of our agenda is consideration of how technical co-operation among Commonwealth countries can give additional support to this endeavour. We are confident that the efforts of our Governments and institutions to improve the health care of our peoples will be reinforced by the mutual help and collaboration which are a central feature of the Commonwealth relationship."

Her Majesty's Reply

"As Queen of Canada and Head of the Commonwealth, I much appreciated your message from the Commonwealth Health Ministers in session in Ottawa for their Seventh Meeting and I wish you every success in your discussions.

The Meetings of Health Ministers are a notable example of Commonwealth co-operation and I am confident that your deliberations will produce valuable results for the health of the peoples of the Commonwealth.

Elizabeth R."