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not agree on every issue. In line with our democratic tradition, we believe in a healthy exchange of views in a friendly atmosphere. This, we believe, is the only way to dispel misunderstanding and prejudice which are born of fear and suspicion.

The Commonwealth is a unique organisation in which agreement is reached by consensus and not by voting. Hence the absence of bitterness and acrimony in its deliberations. The Organisation for African Unity has a vital rôle to play in helping to resolve Africa's political and economic problems because only Africans can fully comprehend the nature, magnitude and complexity of the continent's difficulties. We regard the United Nations Organisation as man's only hope for law and order in our shrinking world. On present international trends, the alternative to the United Nations appears to be a hardening of ideological differences and the inevitable division of the world into two or more hostile camps. We shudder at the thought of a Third World War which could mean the end of our planet.

Since our independence three years ago, we have observed with disappointment the resurgence of discrimination, intolerance and racialism in many parts of the world. It is our wish and hope that man will abandon his fears and strive for conditions in which all can live peacefully without fear of persecution on grounds of race, colour or creed. Since happiness, prosperity and security are indivisible, it is impossible for those who discriminate and oppress to be truly secure, happy and prosperous.

A survey of the contemporary world scene shows that despite his scientific and technological achievements, man has not yet resolved some of the major political and economic problems facing him. The Chinese people are still divided on ideological grounds and the Republic of China is being threatened with expulsion from the United Nations in order to make way for Communist China. For our part, we would regard this as a grave injustice in view of the magnificent contribution already made by the Republic of China to world peace and prosperity. Korea is still divided and because of the obstinacy of the communists there seems to be no immediate solution to the problem under United Nations auspices. Nearly a quarter of a century after the Second World War, Germany is still divided because of the refusal of Russia and her allies

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