

R3: The Commonwealth Charter

The charter states what the Commonwealth believes in, what it tries to do and how it tries to achieve its goals.

How does this charter compare to the one you created?

“The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of independent and equal sovereign states, each responsible for its own policies.

The special strength of the Commonwealth lies in the combination of our diversity and our shared inheritance in language, culture and the rule of law; and bound together by shared history and tradition; by respect for all states and peoples; by shared values and principles and by concern for the vulnerable.

Our core Commonwealth principles are consensus and common action, mutual respect, inclusiveness, transparency, accountability, legitimacy, and responsiveness.

We want to be a Commonwealth that is a strong and respected voice in the world, speaking out on major issues; that strengthens and enlarges its networks; that has a global relevance and profile; and that is devoted to improving the lives of all peoples of the Commonwealth.”