

**Concluding Statement of the Fifty-Fifth Meeting of the
Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group (CMAG)**

27 September 2019

1. The Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group (CMAG) held its Fifty-Fifth meeting in New York on 27 September 2019.
2. The meeting was chaired by Ambassador Monica Juma, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Kenya. The meeting was attended by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations of Namibia, the Honourable Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, and Ministers and Representatives of Australia, Barbados, Ghana, Malaysia, Samoa and the United Kingdom.
3. CMAG underlined the importance of adherence by member countries to the Commonwealth's fundamental political values, as enshrined in the Commonwealth Charter, including constitutional democracy and the rule of law. The Group also noted that Commonwealth Heads of Government had given the Group an enhanced mandate at their meeting in Perth, Australia, in 2011 to consider situations of concern in member countries in a proactive, engaged and positive manner.
4. CMAG emphasised the importance of the Secretary-General's Good Offices in preventing conflict and reaffirming core Commonwealth values.
5. CMAG reaffirmed its support for home-grown solutions, including credible and inclusive dialogue and other peace processes, in resolving serious political challenges in member countries. CMAG encouraged the Secretary-General's Good Offices to support such processes where requested. CMAG further acknowledged the value of regional oversight mechanisms and international support in such situations, including joint missions where appropriate.



6. CMAG received an update from the Secretary-General on the ongoing membership processes for Maldives and Zimbabwe.

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