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a multi-sectoral response for
the Commonwealth**

“In the Commonwealth the records of success differ greatly from country to country and the reality is that every Commonwealth country was able to match the efforts of the best Commonwealth country the global burden of HIV would be halved”

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Preface

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Perhaps it is true that ‘every cloud has a silver lining’ and the postponement of CHOGM has provided the opportunity for the full report, together with its recommendations, to be available when Commonwealth Heads of Government meet in Coolom, Australia in March 2002.

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