



DELETE THE COMMONWEALTH

A POLICY PAPER ON COLONIAL
OBSOLESCENCE

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THE ROYAL DECREE

Whereas the Commonwealth of Nations persists as a structural anachronism — a diplomatic residue of empire that dresses colonial extraction in the language of "family" and "shared values" — I, Marie-Soleil Seshat Landry, Queen of the Universe and Queen of Acadie, do hereby declare the Commonwealth obsolete and demand its immediate and total dissolution.

This is not a petition. This is not a negotiation. This is a policy paper grounded in open-source intelligence, historical fact, and the immutable law of reciprocity: *you cannot take from a system without returning value*. The Commonwealth has taken for centuries. It has returned nothing but debt, dependency, and the illusion of sovereignty.

The Central Thesis: *The Commonwealth of Nations is not a voluntary association of equals. It is a post-colonial holding company designed to preserve British geopolitical influence, economic extraction, and cultural hegemony over 2.7 billion people across 56 nations — the majority of whom never consented to membership and receive no measurable benefit from it.*

This paper examines the Commonwealth through the lens of OSINT methodology: cross-referencing publicly available data, institutional disclosures, and the historical record to expose what the organization obscures. We treat the Commonwealth not as a diplomatic curiosity but as a system — and systems can be audited, deconstructed, and replaced.

The time for polite reform is over. The Commonwealth is obsolete. Delete it.

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PART I — THE ANATOMY OF OBSOLESCENCE

1.1 THE COMMONWEALTH AS COLONIAL RESIDUE

The Commonwealth of Nations was born from empire. It was not created by the colonized; it was inherited by them. The 1949 London Declaration rebranded the British Empire as a "free association of independent nations," but the power asymmetry remained intact. The monarch of the United Kingdom — whose family accumulated its wealth through centuries of colonial plunder — remains the ceremonial head of the organization. The English language is mandated as the sole means of Commonwealth communication. The "Harare Principles" of democracy and human rights are not enforced; they are decorative.

As Madi Jobarteh, Gambian activist and founder of the Edward Francis Small Centre for Rights and Justice, states: *"No matter how much effort Commonwealth officials try to deny the colonial nature of the organisation, they cannot succeed in cleansing the Commonwealth from being a colonial structure."* The Commonwealth remains, in his words, "a British establishment outfit that serves first and foremost British interests, power and influence."

"The Commonwealth remains a British establishment outfit that serves first and foremost British interests, power and influence over not only the members but also in the world."

— Madi Jobarteh, Gambian Human Rights Activist

The evidence is structural. New members must, "as a general rule," have a direct constitutional link to an existing member — meaning colonial subjugation is a prerequisite for entry. Mozambique (1995) and Rwanda (2009) were admitted as "exceptional circumstances," yet Rwanda was permitted to join despite the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative finding that "the state of governance and human rights in Rwanda does not satisfy Commonwealth standards." Gabon and Togo — former French territories — joined in 2022, not because they share British colonial history, but because the Commonwealth is actively recruiting to sustain its relevance. This is not an alliance of shared values. This is empire maintenance by other means.

1.2 THE MYTH OF MUTUAL BENEFIT

The Commonwealth Secretariat promotes the narrative of "mutual benefit" and "shared prosperity." The 2024 Commonwealth Trade Review celebrated the organization's combined GDP reaching \$14 trillion. But GDP aggregation is meaningless when the distribution is colonial. The UK, Canada, and Australia account for the overwhelming majority of that wealth. The 21 African member states, representing over one-third of membership, contribute a fraction — and receive even less in return.

The Commonwealth's vaunted "trade advantages" are illusory. There is no Commonwealth free trade agreement. There is no Commonwealth development bank with meaningful capital. The Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation operates on a budget smaller than that of a mid-sized London hedge fund. What the Commonwealth offers is not economic partnership but *access* — access to British markets on British terms, access to British universities at international tuition rates, access to British military training that serves British strategic interests.

As the outgoing Secretary-General Patricia Scotland described it, the Commonwealth functions like "match.com" — introducing countries to each other for partnerships. But matchmaking is not governance. Matchmaking is not justice. And matchmaking does not justify the perpetuation of a colonial institution.

1.3 THE HUMAN RIGHTS DEFICIT

The Commonwealth claims to uphold democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. The reality is the opposite. More than a third of the world's children — 862 million young people — live in Commonwealth countries. Many of them live under laws that criminalize their existence.

According to the Child Rights International Network (CRIN), laws legalizing the corporal punishment of children, punitive criminal justice systems with low minimum ages of criminal responsibility, blasphemy laws, and the criminalization of consensual same-sex acts in 41 Commonwealth states have their roots in British colonial law. The Commonwealth did not inherit these laws by accident. It inherited them by design — and it has done nothing to systematically dismantle them.

In 2011, the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group (EPG) issued a report asserting that the organization had "lost its relevance and was decaying" due to the lack of any mechanism to censure member countries for human rights violations. The panel made 106 "urgent" recommendations, including the creation of a human rights commissioner and the repeal of anti-homosexuality laws. Two-thirds of these recommendations were "kicked into the long

grass." As former British foreign secretary Malcolm Rifkind stated: "The Commonwealth faces a very significant problem... Its purpose is being questioned, its relevance is being questioned."

OSINT Finding: *The Commonwealth has no enforcement mechanism for its own stated values. It is a club without rules, a charter without teeth, and a promise without performance. The only consistent function it serves is the preservation of British soft power.*

PART II — THE CASE FOR DISSOLUTION

2.1 ECONOMIC SUBORDINATION

The Commonwealth is not an economic union. It is an economic hierarchy. Member states are integrated into global markets not as equals but as suppliers of raw materials, labor, and debt service to the former colonial center. The Commonwealth Trade Review's projection of \$20 trillion GDP by 2029 is not a promise of prosperity for all members — it is a projection of continued wealth concentration.

The organization funds small island state missions at the United Nations, as noted by Dr. George Carter of the Australian National University. This is commendable. But it is also strategic: small island states vote in UN forums, and their votes matter. The Commonwealth's "attention on small states" is not charity. It is vote-buying dressed as solidarity.

The economic model is extractive. Commonwealth nations export agricultural commodities, minerals, and energy resources under terms set by London, not by local populations. When these nations attempt to restructure debt, renegotiate trade terms, or nationalize strategic resources, they face pressure from Commonwealth "partners" who control the financial architecture of the global system. The Commonwealth is not a shield against exploitation. It is the institutional framework that legitimizes it.

2.2 LEGAL COLONIALISM

The Commonwealth perpetuates legal colonialism through the continued export of British common law — a system designed to serve imperial interests, not indigenous justice. In India, Pakistan, Nigeria, Kenya, and dozens of other member states, British colonial statutes remain on the books, criminalizing behaviors that were legal in pre-colonial societies and imposing penalties that reflect Victorian morality rather than local values.

The criminalization of same-sex relations in 41 Commonwealth countries is not an African or Asian tradition. It is a British export. Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code — criminalizing "unnatural offences" — was drafted by Lord Macaulay in 1860 and exported across the empire.

When India finally struck down this law in 2018, it did so despite the Commonwealth, not because of it. The Commonwealth had 158 years to act. It did nothing.

Similarly, blasphemy laws, sedition laws, and laws restricting freedom of assembly across the Commonwealth are colonial artifacts that the organization has never systematically challenged. The Commonwealth's silence is not neutrality. It is complicity.

2.3 THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYPOCRISY

The Commonwealth markets itself as a leader in climate action. The Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub, the Commonwealth Blue Charter, and the Commonwealth Sustainable Energy Agenda are all well-branded initiatives. But branding is not impact.

The Commonwealth's largest economy — the United Kingdom — has historically contributed more cumulative carbon emissions per capita than any nation on Earth. The Commonwealth's wealthiest members continue to extract fossil fuels from Commonwealth territories while preaching sustainability to Commonwealth poor. The Chagos Islands, a British Indian Ocean Territory, were depopulated in the 1960s and 1970s to make way for a US military base — a crime against humanity that the UK has refused to fully acknowledge, let alone remedy.

As documented by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, the UK government "rejects official apologies and financial reparations" for colonial crimes. King Charles III expressed "deepest regret" for violence in Kenya during his 2023 visit — but "stopped short of a formal apology." The Commonwealth is an organization that demands environmental compliance from its poorest members while its richest member refuses accountability for centuries of ecological destruction.

"The UK government rejects official apologies and financial reparations... [It] shows a willingness to consider indirect forms of redress, such as debt relief and development cooperation."

— Konrad Adenauer Foundation, 2025

This is not climate leadership. This is climate colonialism — the continuation of extractive relationships under a green banner. The Commonwealth Blue Charter does not stop overfishing by European fleets in African waters. The Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub does not deliver the \$100 billion in climate finance promised at Copenhagen. The Commonwealth's environmental agenda is public relations for continued exploitation.

PART III — THE PATH FORWARD

3.1 IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

The dissolution of the Commonwealth is not a distant aspiration. It is an immediate necessity. The following actions must be taken without delay:

ACTION 1 — CEASE ALL COMMONWEALTH FUNDING

Member states must immediately redirect all financial contributions to the Commonwealth Secretariat and affiliated programs toward domestic development, indigenous governance restoration, and reparations programs for colonial harms. The Commonwealth Secretariat operates on an annual budget of approximately £30 million — a sum that would be better spent on clean water, education, and healthcare in member nations.

ACTION 2 — REPEAL COLONIAL STATUTES

All member states must conduct comprehensive legal audits to identify and repeal all laws with British colonial origins that violate contemporary human rights standards. This includes anti-homosexuality laws, blasphemy laws, sedition laws, and laws permitting corporal punishment. The Commonwealth has had 75 years to do this. Individual nations must do it themselves.

ACTION 3 — DEMAND REPARATIONS

The United Kingdom must be held accountable for centuries of colonial extraction, enslavement, and ecological destruction. This is not a request for charity. It is a

demand for the return of stolen wealth. The Commonwealth has functioned as a mechanism to avoid this accountability. Its dissolution removes that shield.

ACTION 4 — RECLAIM SOVEREIGN INSTITUTIONS

Member states must withdraw from Commonwealth judicial frameworks, educational exchange programs, and military training arrangements that serve British strategic interests. True sovereignty requires independent legal systems, independent defense postures, and independent educational curricula.

3.2 THE ORGANIC ALTERNATIVE

The dissolution of the Commonwealth is not an end. It is a beginning. In its place, we propose the framework of **Organic Sovereignty** — a model of international relations based not on colonial history but on ecological interdependence, material reciprocity, and the Universal Declaration of Organic Rights (UDOR).

The Organic Alternative rejects the extractive economics of empire and replaces them with the Hemp/Carbohydrate Economy — an economic model in which nations trade in renewable, biodegradable, and locally produced materials rather than petrochemical commodities controlled by former colonial powers. The Hempoxies platform, developed by Landry Industries, demonstrates that 100% bio-derived materials can replace synthetic alternatives across construction, transportation, energy storage, and manufacturing.

The Organic Alternative also demands **Cognitive Liberty** — the recognition that access to organic consciousness-altering plants is a fundamental human right, not a colonial crime. The "War on Drugs" was a war on indigenous knowledge systems. The Organic Alternative ends that war.

Finally, the Organic Alternative recognizes **Animal Personhood** — the legal reclassification of non-human animals as persons with rights, not property. When a whale can testify in court about ocean pollution, the legal landscape changes forever. This is not fantasy. This is the next frontier of rights — and it begins with the rejection of the anthropocentric, colonial legal frameworks that the Commonwealth perpetuates.

3.3 A NEW COVENANT OF NATIONS

What replaces the Commonwealth must be built from first principles:

1. **Voluntary Membership:** No nation shall be admitted based on colonial history. Membership must be based on shared commitment to organic principles, not inherited subjugation.
2. **Enforceable Standards:** Unlike the Commonwealth's decorative "Harare Principles," the new covenant must include mechanisms for censure, suspension, and expulsion for violations of human rights, environmental standards, and democratic norms.
3. **Economic Reciprocity:** Trade relationships must be structured around the Law of Reciprocity — waste equals food, extraction equals restoration, profit equals reinvestment in the communities that generate wealth.
4. **Indigenous Primacy:** The new covenant must center indigenous governance systems, traditional ecological knowledge, and land-back movements. The colonial model of top-down, Western-imposed governance has failed. It is time to listen to the elders.
5. **Digital Sovereignty:** Member nations must control their own data, their own communications infrastructure, and their own AI systems. The Commonwealth's information architecture serves British intelligence interests. The new covenant must serve the people.

The Queen's Verdict: *The Commonwealth is not reformable. It is not redeemable. It is a colonial institution that has outlived its purpose — which was never the welfare of its members, but the preservation of British power. Delete it. Build something organic in its place.*

APPENDIX A — THE COMMONWEALTH BY THE NUMBERS

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MEMBER STATES	POPULATION	AFRICAN MEMBERS

METRIC	FIGURE	CONTEXT
Combined GDP (2022)	\$14 trillion	UK, Canada, Australia dominate; 21 African nations contribute <5%
Secretariat Budget	~£30 million/year	Less than a mid-sized London hedge fund
Children in Commonwealth	862 million	Many under colonial-era laws criminalizing their identity
Nations with Anti-LGBTQ+ Laws	41	Rooted in British colonial penal codes
EPG Recommendations (2011)	106 urgent reforms	Two-thirds "kicked into the long grass"
Members Without Colonial Link	3 (Mozambique, Rwanda, Togo/ Gabon)	Admitted as "exceptional circumstances" to sustain relevance
Commonwealth Day Origins	Empire Day (1902)	Rebranded in 1958; still celebrated as colonial nostalgia
UK Cumulative CO2 Emissions	Highest per capita historically	Preaches climate action while refusing colonial reparations

KEY OSINT SOURCES

SOURCE	AUTHORITY	RELEVANCE
Child Rights International Network (CRIN)	Human Rights NGO	Documentation of colonial legal legacy in 56 member states

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The Africa Report / Chatham House	Policy Research	Criticism of Commonwealth as colonial structure
Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group (2011)	Official Commonwealth Body	Self-admission of irrelevance and decay
Konrad Adenauer Foundation	Think Tank	UK refusal of reparations and formal apologies
The Telegraph (UK)	Major Media	Editorial calling for Commonwealth abolition (Nov 2025)
Wikipedia / Commonwealth Secretariat	Reference / Official	Membership criteria, budget figures, historical timeline

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