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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA

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I am very much looking forward to meeting you in Delhi next month.

I know from previous meetings of Commonwealth Heads of Government how quickly one gets immersed in long, formal sessions with all too little opportunity for private, informal discussion.

I therefore wondered whether there would be any chance of our meeting before the Conference starts. I do not know when you plan to arrive, but I would be very glad to offer you lunch at the British High Commission in Delhi on Tuesday, 22 November. Another possibility would be a talk before dinner that day (I am already committed to a dinner engagement).

In either case I suggest that we keep the numbers down (perhaps three per side) so that we can take maximum advantage of the time for talking.

I look forward to hearing whether a meeting will be possible. Meanwhile, I send you my very best wishes.