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THE PRIME MINISTER

It is my privilege to launch the CSCLeaders 2018 Challenge: *What makes a city resilient?*

In 1956, His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh had the vision to bring together leaders from across the Commonwealth to tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges. Over 60 years later, in partnership with Common Purpose, CSCLeaders continues to give senior leaders, representing a range of sectors and cultures from the Commonwealth's 52 members, the opportunity to come together to address complex global issues.

The importance of the 2018 Challenge cannot be overstated. From terrorism to natural disasters, and from financial instability to social unrest, the pressures on our cities are enormous; they are only set to increase as cities themselves grow in scale and complexity.

Over the coming months, CSCLeaders alumni will be working with many of the great Commonwealth businesses and industries to learn what makes organizations, as well as cities, resilient. This work will offer choices to leaders; choices that could shape the future of our civilisation.

I also welcome the alignment of this challenge with the next series of Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings, beginning in London next April and ending in 2020 – this will bring real meaning and urgency to the work. I look forward to hearing the results.

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