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INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL SECURITY

The Role of Parliamentarians in Securing the State and its Citizens -
from Countering Extremism to Cybersecurity

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INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL SECURITY & CYBERSECURITY DAY

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Threats to national security are ever-changing. Countries and their citizens now face a myriad of diverse and complex threats, both enduring and terminal. These dangers range from economic recessions, environmental degradation and climate change, to pandemics, cyberwarfare, civil wars and political uprisings, as well as the emergence of sophisticated, well-funded terror groups and intrastate challenges to territorial boundaries.

Yet the current security discourse has brought into question the effectiveness of nation states to ensure greater security and stability for all. Some view them as perpetuating threats to individual security and liberty. Now more than ever, states must prove themselves adequate for the task of providing national security in a complex and hostile environment. Parliamentarians as the primary interface between a government and its citizens have a responsibility to defend the rights of the individual, balanced with the safety and security of the majority.

The **International Parliamentary Conference on National Security** is designed to increase parliamentarians' knowledge of and build capacity on national security through engaging interactive discussion sessions and networking opportunities with key stakeholders. The programme will focus on a range of themes covering legislation, committee scrutiny, budgets, and engagement with civil society, international institutions and the private sector.

Established in 1911, and based in the heart of Westminster, CPA UK on behalf of the UK Parliament has developed a reputation for high-level international conferences tailored to the unique role and interests of parliamentarians. In the last five years alone, CPA UK has delivered conferences on Sustainability, Energy & Development (2016), Growth for Development (2014), the Post-2015 Development Agenda (2013), Gender & Politics (2012) and the Millennium Development Goals (2011). These multilateral conferences, alongside our numerous Commonwealth-wide inter-parliamentary bilateral programmes have enabled parliamentarians across the globe to drive forward sustainable life-changing developments within their respective jurisdictions.

CPA UK succeeds in these endeavours by building mutually productive partnerships with highly-regarded international organisations including the United Nations, World Bank Group, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Organisation of American States (OAS), the Commonwealth Secretariat and other world-class experts, NGOs and CSOs. CPA UK also works closely with UK government departments especially the Department for International Development (DFID), the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) and the Home Office.

In continuation of this work, we are delighted to invite your legislature to apply for **THREE PARLIAMENTARIANS** to participate in the **International Parliamentary Conference on National Security in London, 27 - 30 March 2017 and the optional Cybersecurity Day, Friday 31 March 2017**. The combined programme will bring together parliamentarians and experts from across the globe as well as international and non-governmental organisations, civil society and academia.

Please follow the application procedures outlined in the following invitation and submit your nominations by **WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY 2017**.

Due to a high demand for places at our conferences, any application for a place received after the above deadline may be unsuccessful.

My colleagues and I look forward to welcoming you to Westminster in March next year.



IAN LIDDELL-GRAINGER MP
Chair, CPA UK Executive Committee



AIM, OBJECTIVES & DELIVERABLES INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL SECURITY

Aim

To enable parliamentarians to influence, legislate, scrutinise and advocate for national security within their respective countries.

Objectives. To:

1. Advocate for the engagement of parliamentarians in the national security discourse;
2. Broaden the knowledge and skill of parliamentarians on the key threats and challenges to national security and stability and explore how they may be effectively mitigated;
3. Explore the mechanisms that parliamentarians may use to influence and hold governments, international security organisations and private organisations to account;
4. Examine and strengthen the relationship between governments, parliaments, civil society, the private sector, the media and international and regional bodies with the aim of building effective national security.

Outcome

To collaborate with leading global organisations and experts in the development of an International Parliamentary Conference on National Security which will lead to the establishment of an international community of good practice by April 2017.

Outputs.

To increase knowledge and build the capacity of parliamentarians and parliamentary institutions on national security by delivering the following outputs:

- The associated Commonwealth Cybersecurity and Cybercrime Project and linked International Parliamentarians' e-Handbook on Cybersecurity and Cybercrime
- Produce a conference closing report
- Follow-up bilateral and multilateral partnerships to parliaments where required





COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CYBERSECURITY & CYBERCRIME PROJECT

The final day of the International Parliamentary Conference will focus on cybersecurity, and will form the concluding part of the **Commonwealth Parliamentary Cybersecurity & Cybercrime Project (July 2016 - March 2017)**. The project, run in partnership with the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Organisation of American States and funded by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) consists of three regional workshops (Phase 1) in **Asia-Pacific (July 2016), the Caribbean (October 2016) and Africa (November 2016)**. The regional workshops are designed to allow participants to share experiences and case studies, benefit from discussions on issues relevant to their country and constituency, and network with parliamentarians and representatives from NGOs and the private sector in neighbouring countries.

Outputs from the three workshops will form a key component of an **International Parliamentarians' e-handbook on Cybersecurity & Cybercrime** (Phase 2). The e-Handbook, hosted on the CPA UK website, will be freely available and will combine examples of good practice and case studies from each region to build a comprehensive and expert resource to aid parliamentarians in their engagement and implementation of cybersecurity. The e-Handbook will be launched during the **Cybersecurity Day as part of the International Parliamentary Conference on National Security** (Phase 3). Parliamentarians from across the globe will be invited to participate in the conference to ensure the e-Handbook can take on a broader global national security perspective.

AIM, OVERVIEW & DELIVERABLES COMMONWEALTH CYBERSECURITY & CYBERCRIME PROJECT

Aim

To enable Commonwealth parliamentarians (and officials and ministers), through improved awareness, to implement, scrutinise and promote cybersecurity within their respective countries.

Overview.

The project will encourage parliamentarians, ministers and senior officials to:

1. Help nations develop and implement robust cybercrime legislation;
2. Support the delivery and implementation of National Cybersecurity Strategies;
3. Promote the adoption of robust cybersecurity standards around the world;
4. Strengthen the application of international law and norms of behaviour.

Outputs. To:

- Develop a cybercrime and cybersecurity curriculum and materials for senior parliamentarians, officials and ministers;
- Research and map key international stakeholders to participate in projects, develop and maintain a multistakeholder network and develop partnerships with host parliaments;
- Increase the knowledge and engagement of Members of Parliament on cybersecurity and cybercrime, by delivering three regional workshops in Asia, Africa and the Caribbean between July and November 2016;
- E-handbook: drafting and continuous development;
- One-day conference on cybersecurity as part of the CPA UK International Parliamentary Conference on National Security & E-handbook launch.



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Day 1 - Monday 27 March 2017 - Setting the Scene: An Introduction to National Security

The first day of the conference will provide a general overview of the conference themes, particularly those focusing on threats confronting states and their citizens. The afternoon will commence with delegate registration followed by a networking lunch, giving participants the opportunity to engage with one another. There will then follow a number of plenary sessions. At the conclusion of the day's activities, participants will hear a debate on two opposing views related to the war powers of parliament. The day will end with a reception.

Objectives 1 and 2

Day 2 - Tuesday 28 March 2017 - Implementation and Legislation

Commencing with an in-depth analysis of terrorism, the second day will focus primarily on how parliamentarians can effectively influence and implement policies, ensure financial transparency and legislate on national security. The format of the day will comprise of plenary sessions, breakout exercises and will conclude with a chamber debate, giving participants a unique opportunity to debate one another on a controversial national security issue.

Objectives 1, 2 and 3

Day 3 - Wednesday 29 March 2017 - Scrutiny and Oversight

How parliamentarians can ensure governments, international bodies and private actors can be scrutinised and monitored effectively will be the primary focus of day three. Participants will have an opportunity to expand their understanding of scrutiny and oversight in the context of current national security threats. The format of the day's programme will be through plenary sessions, breakout exercises and a committee hearing exercise where participants will act as select committee members questioning expert witnesses.

Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 4

Day 4 - Thursday 30 March 2017 - Representation, Partnerships and Engagement

The final day of the main conference will give participants the opportunity to analyse how to build partnerships and better represent their constituents / communities. The day will conclude with a feedback and assessment session, and a networking reception.

Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 4

Day 5 - Friday 31 March 2017 - Cybersecurity Day

This optional day concludes the week by offering an overview of cybersecurity and cybercrime within the context of national security. The day forms part of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Cybersecurity and Cybercrime Project, and will commence with an opening session providing a review of current and future cybersecurity threats. The day will consist of plenary sessions examining how parliamentarians can play a vital role in mitigating those threats to ultimately provide robust national security.

Cyber Project Objectives 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5



1. APPLICATION PROCESS

Places per Legislature

1.01. Legislatures may apply for **a maximum of THREE places** (parliamentarians only). To apply for places at the conference and cybersecurity day, please complete the enclosed Nomination Form and return it to CPA UK by no later than **Wednesday 18 January 2017**.

1.02. Due to a high demand for limited places, **any applications received after the stated deadline may be held as a reserve**.

Compulsory Nomination Criteria

1.03. When selecting participants for nomination, you are **requested to consider the following criteria**:

- a. It is CPA UK policy to encourage broad participation in its events. Please nominate parliamentarians from both **government/majority** parties and **opposition/minority** parties, and ensure **gender balance** and **youth representation** when nominating.
- b. CPA UK expects participants to have **experience and knowledge** of the conference content
- c. Priority places for the conference and cybersecurity day will be held for parliamentarians who attended the **Asia-Pacific, Caribbean (when applicable) Africa Regional Cybersecurity & Cybercrime Workshops**.
- d. Delegates should have a reasonable **expectation of continuing in their parliamentary careers** so that their participation in the conference is worthwhile both to themselves and to their Parliament.
- e. Participants are expected to arrive for the start of the programme and to **participate fully** through to its conclusion. Legislatures should only nominate participants who will attend either conference elements (where applicable).
- f. Delegates should have a good level of conversational and written English (see 3.01.).

1.04. Due to the limited places for the conference and optional cybersecurity day, there is a likelihood that it will be oversubscribed. Therefore it is important to note that nominations that meet the above criteria are more likely to be selected.

1.05. Legislatures whose nominations do not meet the stated criteria may be asked to reconsider. Please ensure that the above criteria is disseminated to the nominated participant to ensure they understand the criteria.

Acceptance of Places

1.06. CPA UK will inform legislatures of the outcome of their applications by the close of business on **Friday 20 January 2017**.

1.07. For those countries that require visas to enter the UK, it is strongly advisable to apply for them as soon as possible after receiving confirmation of participant places. **Please note CPA UK cannot assist in the visa application process**.

Conference Evaluation

1.08. As well as participating actively in the programme, participants will be asked to take part in a conference evaluation exercise. CPA UK intends to assess the level of knowledge and experience of the participants prior to the conference. Progress will be monitored on an ongoing basis throughout the post-conference evaluation period until June 2017. This will form part of CPA UK's monitoring process to ensure continuous improvements to its programmes.



2. PARTICIPATION COSTS

Funding

2.01. Legislatures / Delegates will be responsible for the following:

- a. **Accommodation.** Booking and paying for accommodation.
- b. **Payment of Delegate Fee.** A fee will be charged to cover the costs of delegates' official meals, transport and other logistic requirements for the conference and cybersecurity day. The delegate fee, excluding B&B accommodation costs, will be **GBP300.00**.
- c. **Participants will also be responsible for the following logistics.**
 - 1. Return travel to the UK
 - 2. Airport-hotel transfers
 - 3. Visa fees
 - 4. Meals except those annotated as part of the official programme
 - 5. Personal expenses during the conference period (laundry, telephone, room service, mini-bars, DVDs, etc)

2.02. Legislatures / Delegates will be responsible for booking and paying for accommodation. Delegates attending the conference are asked to arrive on **Sunday 26 March 2017** and attend the conference programme, from **Monday 27 to Thursday 30 March** inclusive (or to **Friday 31 March** if attending the Cybersecurity Day).

2.03. Details of the official conference hotel will be issued to all successful legislatures when they are notified of their places. The hotel will be in the immediate vicinity of the conference venues. However, delegates are free to stay at any neighbouring hotel.

2.04. Payment of the Delegate Fee should be made 7 days in advance of the conference date. Payment can be made bank transfer and credit card. Once processed, the payment is non-refundable.

3. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

Translation & Interpretation

3.01. The official language of the conference programme will be English. Dependent on the level of demand, simultaneous translation services may be made available to conference participants, but not guaranteed. It is therefore essential the conference organisers are informed of requirements as soon as possible.

Spouses / Accompanying Persons / Children

3.02. The conference is an intensive programme for the delegates, requiring their full focus and attention. It is CPA UK policy that spouses, accompanying persons and children are not invited to attend any part of the programme. No additional programme for spouses / accompanying persons will be organised.

Withdrawals / Cancellations / Liabilities

3.03. Legislatures are requested to inform CPA UK immediately if a delegate cancels, or if for any reason will not arrive in London as scheduled. Once legislatures have committed to delegate attendance at the conference any cancellation fees or liabilities incurred by CPA UK as a result of a delegate failing to arrive or departing early will be passed to the nominating legislature for reimbursement to CPA UK.

INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARIANS' E-HANDBOOK ON CYBERSECURITY & CYBERCRIME

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK (CPA UK) in partnership with the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Organisation of American States, and with the support of international parliamentarians and experts will design an e-Handbook for parliamentarians on cybersecurity and cybercrime.

This e-Handbook will combine best practice, case studies, advice, ideas and innovation to assist international parliamentarians to navigate the complexities of cybersecurity and cybercrime.

This e-Handbook will be an essential tool to ensure parliamentarians can support the implementation, oversight, scrutiny and advocacy of cybersecurity.

www.uk-cpa.org/ehandbooks/ehandbook-on-cybersecurity-cybercrime/

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ABOUT CPA UK

WHO WE ARE

CPA UK is a member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), which is a Commonwealth-wide network of some 17,000 national, state, provincial and territorial parliamentarians within 180 legislatures in 53 countries. The purpose of the CPA is to strengthen parliamentary democracy within the 53-country Commonwealth, providing a space for parliamentarians to share, learn, compare and work together to promote Commonwealth values of democracy, rule of law, human rights, good governance and social and economic development.

The Commonwealth brings together a third of the world's population, including a billion people under 25, from the poorest and the richest, the largest and the smallest, developing and developed countries. Within the Commonwealth family there are huge opportunities created by aspects of shared culture, governance commonalities and good diplomatic and trade relations. There are also many challenges, which by acting and working together Commonwealth countries can strengthen their responses and bring about positive change. **CPA UK** is part of the UK Parliament and is the most active branch in the Association. Its offices are at the very heart of Parliament, off Westminster Hall. All sitting Members of both Houses are eligible to participate in CPA UK programmes.

WHAT WE DO

CPA UK runs exciting, demanding, and far-reaching international outreach programmes of parliamentary strengthening and capacity-building with legislatures across the Commonwealth focusing on the tools by which the Executive is held accountable by parliamentarians. CPA UK's themed international parliamentary conferences and parliamentary workshops run in Parliament and abroad attract international speakers of note from politics, academia, NGOs and governments across the world and the quality of its programmes is internationally recognised. Discussions on a huge range of issues take place between international policy makers in forums conducted by CPA UK such as sustainable development, human rights, gender equality and the empowerment of women, climate change, international trade and investment, national security, conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

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