

INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL SECURITY & CYBERSECURITY DAY

Monday 27- Friday 31 March 2017, London, United Kingdom

Dear Secretary-General,

CPA UK on behalf of the **UK Parliament** wish to extend an invitation to your **legislature to nominate for up to THREE PARLIAMENTARIANS to attend the International Parliamentary Conference on National Security (Monday 27 to Thursday 30 March 2017), and Cybersecurity Day (Friday 31 March 2017).**

Background:

In recent years the global security landscape has altered substantially. Countries and their citizens now face a myriad of diverse and complex threats, both enduring and terminal. These threats range from economic recessions, environmental degradation and climate change, to pandemics, cyberwarfare, civil wars, political uprisings, as well as the emergence of sophisticated and well-funded terror groups and intrastate challenges to territorial boundaries. The world is a dangerous and uncertain place.

Whereas governments are traditionally seen as the key drivers in directing national security at a domestic and global level, parliamentarians should also play active and robust role to ensure international, national and human security is maintained. Parliamentarians as legislators must ensure good governance and the rule of law is at the heart of national security. As representatives, they should play a central role in balancing security needs with human rights. As scrutineers, they should ensure there are transparent and effective levels of accountability for all security stakeholders.

The **International Parliamentary Conference on National Security** is designed to support parliamentarians by:

- Advocating for the engagement of parliamentarians in the national security discourse;
- Broadening the knowledge and skills of parliamentarians on the key threats and challenges to national security and stability and explore how they may be effectively mitigated;
- Exploring the mechanisms that parliamentarians may use to influence and hold governments, international security organisations and private organisations to account;
- Examining 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.

Enclosed documents:

1. A letter of invitation from Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger MP regarding the Conference and optional Cybersecurity Day, including **nomination criteria**
2. **Delegate Nomination Form**

To apply for delegate places at the Conference, please complete the attached **Delegate Nomination Form** and return it to CPA UK at cpauk@parliament.uk as soon as possible, and **by no later than 1200 GMT on Wednesday 25 January 2017.**

If you have any comments or questions regarding this Conference, please contact the Conferences and Projects Team at cpauk@parliament.uk.

We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Yours Sincerely,



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