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(1) Canadian Regional Conference

CPA Secretary-General Dr William F. Shija will attend the 45th Canadian Regional Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba, from 23 to 29 July. The topics to be examined at the business sessions include: the Reporting Relationship between the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut and its Independent Officers; Crossing the Floor; Reconciling Free Speech and Fair Trials: What to do when a matter is 'Before the Courts'; the Creation of a Special Research Chair on Parliamentary Government and Democracy, and the Impact of Ethnic Media on the Social and Cultural Identity in Canadian Society. Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians from the Region will also meet during the conference.

(2) Commonwealth Serjeant-at-Arms Professional Development Conference

The 2007 Commonwealth Serjeant-at-Arms Professional Development Conference will take place in Canberra, Australia from 29 July to 3 August. The CPA will host an extension workshop for delegates from Africa and South Pacific. The development of professional parliamentary staff will be discussed and there will be a presentation on institution building and development of capacity of parliamentary staff. This will be followed by plenary and workshop sessions for the African and Asian nations.

(3) CPA Executive Committee Chairman and CPA Secretary-General to hold UN talks

The CPA Executive Committee Chairman, Hon. Hashim Abdul Halim, MLA, and CPA Secretary-General, Dr William Shija will meet Ms Angela Kane, the Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs at the United Nations on 8 August. Hon. Halim and Dr Shija will discuss how the CPA can make an annual presentation on its events, activities and observations on world issues to the UN General Assembly.

(4) Africa Regional Conference

The 38th Conference of the Africa Region will be held in Cape Town from 21 to 28 July. The theme of the conference is "*Parliamentarians Building Strong Democratic Institutions for Promoting in the 21st Century*". The Secretary-General Dr William Shija is to send a message to the conference.

(5) State Legislative Summit in Boston

CPA will be represented by Chairman of the Executive Committee, Hon. Hashim Abdul Halim, MLA, and Secretary-General, Dr William Shija at the annual meeting of the National Conference of State Legislatures in Boston, U.S.A. from 5 to 9 August. The National Conference of State Legislatures is a bipartisan organization that serves the legislators and staff of the 50 American states, its commonwealths and territories.

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