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### INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT 26-30 NOVEMBER 2007

#### Conference sends recommendations for action to Bali Conference

“A fair and effective global strategy supported by strong national policies which together achieve stabilisation of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that prevents abrupt and irreversible climate change and simultaneously supports sustainable economic growth”.

This is the only way to secure climate, energy, economic, food health and physical security for all, according to 85 parliamentarians from Commonwealth and G8+5 countries who took part in an International Parliamentary Climate Change conference organised by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK in London last week. The Conference was designed to determine how better legislators might hold their respective Executives to account on climate change commitments made and yet to be made.

The parliamentarians produced a list of recommendations which will be presented to Yvo de Boer next week at the UN International Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference in Bali (3-14 December) which included:

- **Deliver a global reduction of greenhouse gas emissions of at least 50% from 1990 levels by 2050, including short and medium-term milestones.**
- **Begin inclusive negotiations on an ambitious, comprehensive and binding post-2012 framework.**
- **Ensure that equal weight is given to adaptation and mitigation.**
- **Promote the creation of durable carbon markets.**
- **Ensure that the principle of common, but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities are enshrined in the negotiations.**
- **Encourage the consideration of climate change objectives in other international processes.**
- **Design a ‘roadmap’ from Bali (2007) to Poznan (2008) and to Copenhagen (2009) with clear milestones which build the foundations for success.**

Rt Hon. Elliot Morley MP, a CPA UK member and President of GLOBE International said, “What is clear from this conference is the determination among parliamentarians to ensure that governments across the globe work together to combat climate change with the urgency and commitment needed. The parliamentarians want to send out the message that it is no good just setting targets and making promises, but that effective action must be taken to meet these targets and promises. We urge the delegates at the Convention in Bali to take on board the recommendations made at this unique conference of parliamentarians as a first step towards achieving that.”

**For more information about the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, or to see a full copy of the communiqué sent to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bali please contact:**

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