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13TH CONFERENCE OF THE SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION (AFRICA REGION), LILONGWE, MALAWI, 6TH - 14TH AUGUST, 2011

Malawi will host the 13th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (Africa Region) to be held from 6th to 14th August, 2011.

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) is an organization that exists, among other issues, to promote respect for Human Rights and Freedoms and to pursue the ideals of democracy and good governance. The headquarters of the CPA-Africa Region is hosted by the Parliament of Tanzania.

Speakers and Presiding Officers of the CPA (Africa Region) meet every two years in one of its Branches, on a rotational basis during which the delegates share experiences and best practices on parliamentary issues.

In the year 2009, the Conference was held in Kampala, Uganda at which the Speaker of the Malawi National Assembly, Right Honourable Henry F. Chimunthu Banda, M.P was elected Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the Conference for a two year period from 2009 to 2011.

Nineteen Speakers and Presiding Officers from the following Branches are expected to attend the Conference: Botswana; Cameroon; Gambia; Ghana; Kenya; Lesotho; Malawi; Mauritius; Mozambique; Namibia; Nigeria; Rwanda; South Africa; Seychelles; Uganda; Sierra Leone; Swaziland; Tanzania; and Zambia.

The Conference will be officially opened by His Excellency, Ngwazi Professor Bingu wa Mutharika, the President of the Republic of Malawi on Monday, 8th August 2011 in the Great Sapitwa Hall at Crossroads Hotel in Lilongwe at 10.00 a.m.



Rt. Honourable Henry F. Chimunthu Banda, M.P
SPEAKER OF THE MALAWI NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
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