

**African Regional Workshop
on
The Administration and Financing of Parliament**

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CONCLUSIONS

The participants from the Africa Region of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) endorsed the Report of the Study Group on the Administration and Financing of Parliament (the 'Zanzibar Report').

The CPA should use its influence to promote the legitimacy of legislatures having financial autonomy and create a better understanding amongst members of the Executive as to the proper relationship with the Parliament. Participants also identified the need to raise awareness amongst Parliamentarians of the importance of corporate bodies and the proper discharge of their responsibilities.

It was agreed that, where a legislature enjoys administrative and/or financial autonomy, it must demonstrate best practice and responsible use of this authority.

The CPA should provide:

- Further support to Commonwealth legislatures seeking to establish and strengthen corporate bodies;
- Training and professional development opportunities for members of corporate bodies;
- A toolkit for members of corporate bodies to assist them in the discharge of their corporate responsibilities; and
- The toolkit should include a template for a parliamentary Human Asset Management strategy and a range of mechanisms for demonstrating the accountability of parliamentary corporate bodies.