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Recommendations

The participants from the Asia/India Regions 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 continue to promote the concept of financial autonomy for legislatures and use its influence to 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 parliamentary independence 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 the governance of Parliament through an independent parliamentary management committee [corporate body];
- Training and professional development opportunities for parliamentary management committees [corporate body];
- A publication, in line with the Zanzibar recommendations, for members of such governing bodies to assist them in the discharge of their administrative and financial responsibilities, including the development of comprehensive financial controls. The publication should also include a template for a parliamentary Human Asset Management strategy and a range of mechanisms for demonstrating the internal and external accountability of parliamentary management committees.