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DURING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 50TH CPA AFRICA REGION
CONFERENCE (2ND SEPTEMBER, 2019) IN ZANZIBAR**

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**H.E Dr. Ali Mohamed Shein,
President of Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar;**

**Rt. Hon. Zubeir Ali Maulid, MP,
Speaker of the Zanzibar House of Representatives and Host Speaker;**

**Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga,
President of the Commonwealth Parliamentary
Association and Speaker of Uganda;**

**Hon. Emilia Monjowa Lifaka, MP,
Chairperson of the CPA International Executive Committee and Deputy
Speaker of the National Assembly of Cameroon;**

**Rt. Hon. Shandana Gulzar Khan,
Representing Speaker of Pakistan;**

Hon. Speakers of CPA Member Parliaments;

Hon. Members of Parliament;

Members of the Diplomatic Corps;

Excellencies;

Distinguished Delegates;

Members of the Press;

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is always my pleasure and privilege to welcome you to Tanzania, your home away from home. Allow me, first and foremost, to thank your Excellency, Dr. Ali Mohamed Shein for gracing this conference with your presence. I know you are faced with many equally engaging duties but you agreed to come here today and officiate this gathering of Parliamentarians. Thank you Sir!

I also wish to thank Colleagues Speaker, fellow Parliamentarians, Clerks and other dignitaries Parliamentarians for setting the time out of your busy schedule and come here in this beautiful Islands of Zanzibar. We invite you colleagues to enjoy the rich assortments of Zanzibar cuisine, contagious dancing and unique heritage sites. These beautiful islands of Africa are not only among the most beautiful places on earth but they are also host to most hospitable people in the world.

Your Excellency, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are meeting here at a time when significant changes are taking place in Tanzania which has impacted positively in various sectors including our Parliament. This is in terms of internal review of our conducts, foreign policy and economic drives.

The reforms taking place can be summarized into two categories: cost cutting drives to bring down operational costs of running the government and other institutions as well as ensuring the actions taken helps those who intended beneficiaries.

As a Speaker of the Parliament that hosts the Regional Secretariat, I wish to assure you distinguished delegates that we will continue to cherish the honour bestowed upon us and strive to serve you better through most economic means. Programmes will increase and experience sharing will be encouraged. All these will be done through a lean team dedicated to serve you. Hon. Chairperson, the team led by Mr. Stephen Kagaigai, Clerk of the National Assembly will be at your disposal to implement your vision and goals.

Our resolve to host the Secretariat here in Tanzania is still strong amidst change in government priorities and hope that robust ways of fundraising for CPA Regional activities will be put in place as we embark upon the serious task of enduring the Association's funds is put into good use through investment in the hospitality industry. My office will be at your disposal to assist the leadership under the able stewardship of Rt. Hon. Justin Muturi, Speaker of the National Assembly of Kenya and our Executive Committee Chairperson to ensure that the goals are achieved as planned.

Your Excellency, Mr. President, Distinguished Guests and fellow Parliamentarians,

When we were tasked in March this year that we should host this important Conference, we could not think of a better place within Tanzania to host this than Zanzibar, an Island with pristine environment in the vastness of our oceans. An Island of one people with cosmopolitan mix of Africans, Arabs, Asians and other indigenous communities!

I wish to mostly thank dynamic Secretariat for their brilliant display of organisation skills to ensure this Conference is not only a reality but a major success. It is my sincere hope that the Conference deliberations will be fruitful and enrich our knowledge as Parliamentarians.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I once again welcome you to Zanzibar and thank you for listening.

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