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 I am delighted to welcome you to the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Regional Sensitization Workshop Holding in the beautiful city of Dares Salam, Tanzania.

- 2. We are appreciative of the sacrifices you have made to be here. At the outset, I wish to thank the Resource Persons for accepting our invitation to share their experiences with us.
- Our thanks go to the Regional Secretariat for putting this Workshop together and for always supportive of the CWP.
- 4. The theme of this Workshop, "Women Parliamentarians in Leadership and Politics," is carefully selected to create awareness about the continued discrimination against Women Participation in Leadership positions.
- 5. The focus of this Workshop therefore, is to strengthen our capacities, improve strategies and ensure the attainment of the fundamental objectives of the CWP. The Workshop has been divided into Four Sessions with different topics.
- 6. It will also afford participants the opportunity to share their experiences, listen and learn from the experience of Women who are active in politics. Available statistics

indicate that Member Parliaments are still way behind in achieving increased women in leadership and decision making positions.

- 7. I would like us all to reflect on how we can utilize the lessons we are expected to take from this Workshop to accelerate the achievement of more women in politics and leadership positions.
- 8. In conclusion, it is my hope that this Workshop will energize our resolve and bring new insights to our work. I therefore, urge you all to take advantage of the Workshop to learn new ideas on how best the pursuit of increased women with visible contributions, in politics and leadership positions could be achieved.
- 9. I want to wish you all very fruitful discussion and I look forward to your recommendations at the end of the Workshop.
- 10.1 now wish to welcome our Guest of Honour, Rt. Honourable Dr. Tulia Ackson (MP), Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania to officially open our workshop.

## Thank you