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His Excellency Ban Ki-moon
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Excellency,

I am writing in reference to my letter dated 17 February 2016, inviting Your Excellency to be the inaugural speaker of the **Commonwealth Parliamentary Lecture Series**, which the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Secretariat was planning to launch in **October 2016**.

As stated then, the CPA is an international community of Commonwealth Parliaments and Legislatures working together to deepen the Commonwealth's commitment to the highest standards of democratic governance, representing the 53 Commonwealth countries, over 180 legislatures and more than 17,000 Members of Parliament.

Our activities focus on the Commonwealth's commitment to its fundamental political values, including just and honest government; the alleviation of poverty; fundamental human rights; international peace and order; global economic development; the rule of law; equal rights and representation for all citizens of both genders; the separation of powers among the three arms of government; and the right to participate in free and fair elections.

As a membership-based Association, we intend to launch the Commonwealth Parliamentary Lecture Series in October this year, aimed at exploring and addressing the impact of contemporary political issues on parliamentary democracy.

✓ Your Excellency, we would be honoured if you would accept our invitation to be the inaugural speaker at this event to launch this important series of lectures.

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Please Address All Correspondence to the Secretary-General

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✓ Given your heavy schedule we would be happy to launch the lecture series at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to maximize the greatest possibility of your participation.

✓ If you are agreeable, we respectfully invite you to reflect in your speech on the challenges and achievements of your tenureship as the Secretary-General of the United Nations; the importance of Parliamentarians as a key global grouping in bringing the change anticipated under the 2015 sustainable development goals (SDGs), and to reflect on the progress made in key thematic areas mentioned above within a global and Commonwealth context. We are of course also entirely content for you to decide on a topic of your own choosing that resonates with the mandate of the CPA.

As an organisation that works hard to increase the representation of women in Parliaments, the CPA incorporates the Commonwealth Women Parliamentary Grouping (CWP). In this context, we were heartened to hear that the UN will be targeting eight countries where no women are in Parliament or in Government to increase the visibility of women in leadership. Reaching out to our women members is key, and we would be grateful if you were able to echo this important message should you accept this invitation.

✓ Your Excellency, we would be most grateful if you would confirm or decline the Association's invitation to be the inaugural speaker for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Lecture Series by 31 August, 2016 in order for us to proceed with the planning and programming of the Series.

We look forward to receiving your favourable response to this invitation. Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration and best wishes.

Respectfully yours,



Mr Akbar Khan
Secretary-General
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association



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Subject: Fw: Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General : - invitation to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Lecture Series, UNHQ, June 2016

From: Benjamin Knight/NY/UNO
To: SGCentral/NY/UNO@UNHQ
Date: 15/08/2016 09:36 AM
Subject: Fw: Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General : - invitation to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Lecture Series, UNHQ, June 2016

Dear colleagues,

Grateful if you could log the following correspondence.

Best regards,

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Cc: Lucy Pickles <lp@CPAHQ.ORG>, Meenakshi Dhar <mdhar@CPAHQ.ORG>
Date: 15/08/2016 08:54 AM
Subject: RE: FW: Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General : - invitation to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Lecture Series, UNHQ, June 2016

Dear Mr Knight,

I hope all is well.

Please find attached a follow-up letter from the CPA Secretary-General to H.E. the UN Secretary-General. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this correspondence.

Kind regards,

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From: Benjamin Knight [mailto:knight2@un.org]

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Subject: RE: FW: Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General : - invitation to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Lecture Series, UNHQ, June 2016

Dear Ms. Schuesterl,

Thank you for your email and voicemail messages. Unfortunately, I have no update at this time, but will revert once a definitive reply may be given.

Best regards,

Benjamin Knight

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Cc: Lucy Pickles <lp@CPAHQ.ORG>, Meenakshi Dhar <mdhar@CPAHQ.ORG>
Date: 04/07/2016 08:35 AM
Subject: RE: FW: Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General - invitation to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Lecture Series, UNHQ, June 2016

Dear Mr Knight,

I hope all is well- I am following up regarding the below and was wondering whether you had any feedback as yet?

Many thanks

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From: Anna Schuesterl

Sent: 13 June 2016 13:58

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Subject: RE: FW: Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General : - invitation to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Lecture Series, UNHQ, June 2016

Dear Mr Knight,

I hope all is well.

I was wondering whether the Chef de Cabinet has yet been in touch with any feedback regarding our proposal?

Thank you very much for letting me know and kind regards

Anna

From: Anna Schuesterl

Sent: 01 June 2016 14:55

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Subject: RE: FW: Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General : - invitation to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Lecture Series, UNHQ, June 2016

Dear Mr Knight,

Thank you for letting us know.

Kind regards

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Dear Ms. Schuesterl,

Thank you for your kind message, please be advised that it has been forwarded to the office of the Chef de Cabinet. We will be in touch with your office soon.

Best regards,

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Date: 31/05/2016 04:59 AM

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I hope all is well.

I was wondering whether you could let us have any feedback regarding the attached letter as yet?

Thank you and kind regards

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From: Lucy Pickles

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Importance: High

Dear Mr Knight,

Thank you for your email of 7 April and the attached letter to the Hon Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury MP, Speaker of the Parliament of Bangladesh and CPA Chairperson, and Mr Akbar Khan, Secretary-General of the CPA from Mr Mulet.

Please find attached a letter in response to Mr Mulet.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

With very best wishes,

Lucy

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Post-Election Seminar for the Parliament of Samoa, 10-12 May 2016, Apia, Samoa

Parliamentary Staff Development Workshop for the Pacific Region, 16-18 May 2016, Nadi, Fiji

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of Mr. CHANG Wook-jin, Chief of the Scheduling Unit of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General. Please find attached a scan of formal communication to Her Excellency Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, M.P., and Mr. Akbar Khan regarding the above-mentioned subject.

The original has been sent via mail. Kindly confirm receipt of this email.

Yours sincerely,

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