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ATTENDANCE OF THE CPA BRITISH ISLANDS AND MEDITERRANEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND LONDON PROGRAMME 17-24 JUNE 2025 UNITED KINGDOM

The Speaker, Leader of the Official Opposition, and the International Relations and Protocol Officer participated in the 54th British Islands and Mediterranean Regional Conference which was hosted by the Welsh Parliament in Cardiff from 17-20 June 2025.

The theme of the conference was *Addressing the Needs of a Modern Parliament*. The Speaker and Leader of the Official Opposition were afforded an opportunity to be a rapporteur and participant respectively. The topics that were covered during this conference were as follows:

- Welsh Youth Parliament
- Importance of LGBT voices
- AI delivery, training and governance.
- Supporting the mental health of parliamentarians
- Changing the rules of engagement
- Enabling full participation of people with disabilities

Following the conclusion of the conference, the WCPP delegation proceeded to London for the next phase of the programme. This included:

- Engagements with the Journal Office at the Houses of Parliament on procedural best practices.
- Engagement with the Secretary General of the CPA and the signing of the MOU.
- Courtesy visit with the First Principal Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons.
- Engagement with the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) for further collaboration.