

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitting of Tuesday 09 May 2023

Honourable Members,

Following the announcement I made at the sitting of Tuesday 25 April 2023, regarding Parliamentary Overseas Missions and the practice and mechanism thereof, I wish to inform the House of the following –

The National Assembly is affiliated to the following International and Regional Organisations for which an annual subscription fee is payable –

- (i) the Inter-Parliamentary Union;
- (ii) the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association International;
- (iii) the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (Africa Region);
- (iv) l'Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie;
- (v) the Pan-African Parliament;
- (vi) the SADC Parliamentary Forum; and
- (vii) the SADC Organisation of Public Accounts Committees.

In addition, the National Assembly is equally affiliated to the African Caribbean Pacific-European Union Joint Parliamentary Assembly, the World Trade Organisation, the Commonwealth Association of Public Accounts Committees and the International Renewable Energy Agency. In regard to these Organisations, no subscription fee is payable.

Moreover, on 09 November 2022, l'Association des Parlementaires de la Commission de l'océan Indien was reactivated under my Chairpersonship.

The House may wish to note that the composition of these Organisations is designated as follows, Members from the Government Side by the Hon. Prime Minister and Members from the Opposition Side by the Hon. Leader of the Opposition respectively.

The composition of the delegation in each case is as follows–

- Inter-Parliamentary Union –
 - (i) The Speaker as Leader of the delegation;
 - (ii) Dr the Hon. Ramdhany; and
 - (iii) Hon. Assirvaden.

- **Commonwealth Parliamentary Association International –**
 - (i) The Speaker as Leader of the delegation;
 - (ii) Hon. Doolub;
 - (iii) Hon. Jutton; and
 - (iv) Hon. Shakeel Mohamed.

- **Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (Africa Region) –**
 - (i) The Speaker as Leader of the delegation;
 - (ii) Hon. Doolub;
 - (iii) Hon. Jutton; and
 - (iv) Hon. Ramful.

- **L'Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie –**
 - (i) The Speaker as Leader of the delegation;
 - (ii) Hon. Bablee; and
 - (iii) Hon. David.

- **Pan-African Parliament –**
 - (i) Hon. Luchmun Roy;
 - (ii) Hon. Mayotte;
 - (iii) Hon. Léopold;
 - (iv) Hon. Quirin; and
 - (v) Hon. Richard Duval.

- **SADC Parliamentary Forum –**
 - (i) The Speaker as Leader of the delegation;
 - (ii) Hon. Tour;
 - (iii) Hon. Ittoo; and
 - (iv) Hon. Anquetil.

- **SADC Organisation of Public Accounts Committees and the Commonwealth Association of Public Accounts Committees meant for the Chairperson and Members of the Public Accounts Committee –**
 - (i) Hon. Uteem, Chairperson;
 - (ii) Hon. Ramyad;
 - (iii) Hon. Armance;
 - (iv) Hon. Dhaliah;
 - (v) Dr the Hon. Rawoo;
 - (vi) Hon. François;
 - (vii) Hon. Doolub;
 - (viii) Dr the Hon. Gungapersad; and
 - (ix) Hon. Nagalingum.

**The African Caribbean Pacific-European Union Joint Parliamentary Assembly –
Hon. Dhunoo.**

The International Renewable Energy Agency –

- (i) Hon. Dhaliah; and**
- (ii) Hon. Osman Mahomed.**

**Finally, Members of the Executive Committee of the Association des
Parlementaires de la Commission de l’océan Indien -**

- (i) Hon. François;**
- (ii) Hon. Abbas Mamode; and**
- (iii) Hon. Foo Kune-Bacha.**

I wish to highlight that the National Assembly also considers participation in other Conferences, Meetings and other Parliamentary events to which it is invited. These are processed on a case-to-case basis.

Regarding the mechanism for the processing for the participation in Overseas missions, on receiving notice of the meetings or invitation from the different Organisations, as the case may be, the Speaker gives an approval in principle. Thereafter, financial clearance having been sought and obtained, the file is transmitted to the Hon. Prime Minister for final approval of participation.

However, as far as the participation of the Speaker is concerned, the file is processed for the information of the Financial Secretary to make funds available and for onward transmission for the information of the Hon. Prime Minister.
