

AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION
between the Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations
of the Commonwealth of Independent States
and the Pan-African Parliament

The Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States on the one hand and the Pan-African Parliament on the other hand

strongly convinced that cooperation of international parliamentary organizations based on the principles of respect for human rights and freedoms, development of democracy, rule of law, market economy and social justice will contribute to a greater trust and mutual understanding, creation of a multi-polar world where the interests of all states and peoples are taken into account,

realizing the responsibility of parliamentarians for the preservation of peace, providing stability and security and recognizing the necessity for closer mutual cooperation in counteracting modern challenges and threats,

aspiring to the further deepening of relations and widening of parliamentary dialogue between both organizations,

have agreed:

- on the importance of regular exchange of information on their priority fields of activities and coordination of efforts for future interaction;

- on the necessity for experience exchange in lawmaking activity and for harmonization of national legislations at regional level;


- on granting the Pan-African Parliament the status of observer in the CIS Interparliamentary Assembly and respectively on granting the CIS Interparliamentary Assembly the status of observer in the Pan-African Parliament;

- on the necessity for exchange of information about issues of mutual interest considered at plenary sessions and the possibility to invite representatives to participate in such sessions. The President (or his representative) of one organization may address the other on special occasions,

- on the possibility to participate in the organization and holding of conferences, symposia, seminars, parliamentary debates and other events on issues of mutual interest as well as in elaboration of resolutions, recommendations and other documents, expressing common point of view.

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