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Background Information

The month of June is significant in that we celebrate the South African youth and mark their achievements while we address challenges that they are faced with. It is with this notion that the Presiding Officers call upon the Provincial Legislatures, Youth Formations and other pertinent parties to play a role in deliberations in the Youth Parliament every year.

We wish to confirm the date for the upcoming Youth Parliament as 26th to 27th June 2008.

The theme for the Youth Parliament 2008 is "**Parliament empowering the youth of South Africa for poverty eradication**". It is derived from Parliament's theme "Parliament empowering communities for poverty eradication" for the year.

Youth Parliament 2008 places special emphasis on the following themes:

1. Review of Youth Parliaments (2006-2007)
2. Youth and Economic Participation
3. Youth Development and Institutional Arrangements
4. Youth Social Cohesion

The Youth Parliament 2008 will be held at Parliament in Cape Town.

In addition to the Chairperson, we would be most honoured if you would accede to our request to nominate three (3) other Members of your committee to participate in this event.

The programme is currently being developed and will be provided in due course

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