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## MP WELCOMES RWANDA'S INCLUSION IN THE COMMONWEALTH

Julie Morgan, MP for Cardiff North, has welcomed Rwanda's inclusion as the 54<sup>th</sup> member of the Commonwealth. The decision was made at the Commonwealth summit in Trinidad and Tobago at the weekend. It is only the second country not previously part of the British Empire to become part of the Commonwealth.

Julie visited Rwanda earlier this year as part of an all-party Commonwealth Parliamentary delegation.

Julie Morgan MP said:

"When I was in Rwanda, I saw firsthand the efforts being made by the fragile democracy to create stability following the horrors of genocide in 1994 when approximately 800,000 Tutsis and Hutus were killed.

"I think it is very appropriate that Rwanda has become part of the Commonwealth. It will be able to have greater support from the surrounding countries and I know the British Council are helping with the teaching of English to government officials in Rwanda. The Rwanda government wants English to become the main official language after the local Kinyarwanda language.

"Being part of the Commonwealth will help with stability."

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