

Mister speaker.

Buenas dias. Colleagues, friends from all around the world.

First: Thank you, Madrid, for hosting this great assambly. The 143. assambly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Since 1889, this organization has existed to build brigdes, not walls, between our great countries. Because, some problems cannot be solved by one nation alone. For instance, we all have to work together to reach our goals when it comes to fight the covid-19-pandemic and slow down climate changes.

There is no quick fix to these challenges. Some people even say that Norwegian climate policies is like a fart in China. A joke of course, but I say to them: No one can do everything, but everyone can to something.

So let's do something! Ladies and gentlemen: We represent 179 nations all around the world. What we say and do, mean something. It matters. As one of the youngest MPs in this aseembly and a representative from Norway, I would like the IPU to focus on strengthening democracy. Especially women democracy and youth democracy. The latter is something we talked about in the Forum of Young Parliamenterans earlier in this assembly. Because, half of the world's population is under 30 years old, while only 2,6 % of parliamenterians are of the same age.

It's fundamental that people, regardless of age, race, gender, religion - can participate in democratic processes. Therefore, I urge my dear friends in this aseembly to secure this human right and listen to the silent voices. Stand up against oppression, and for democracy.

Mister speaker. Thank you for giving me this floor. Thank you, friends. Muchas gracias.