

Thank you Mr. Chairman, Honorable colleagues, ladies and gentleman,

I have the privilege to address you today after listening to speeches from my fellow colleagues Members of Parliament from all over the world for 2 days.

The words that resinate here most often were:

- crises of democracy
- division and populism
- disinformation and manipulation of public opinion
- dangers of social media

My dear colleagues from Great Britain has quoted Sir Winston Churchill on that “democracy is the worst form of governance except all others”. However democracy is there not just for a good talk, democracy is to benefit the people, for their human rights, for their inclusion, their voice to be heard, best governments and the happiness.

I want to quote Victor Hugo: “The liberty of one citizen ends where the liberty of another citizen begins”.

Mr. President Abraham Lincoln explained it even more clearly: “My right to swing my fist ends where your nose begins”.

My colleagues, the same goes for the countries. Countries that annex foreign territory raise their fist to kill and manipulate other democracies that kill their citizens abroad or use the weakest and unprotected ones as means of there own warfare should be stopped by our common actions.

My country Ukraine has celebrated just this August our 30 years of Independence with our territory Crimea annexed, 7% of our territory occupied, 14 000 Ukrainians killed, 24 000 wounded and more than 1,5 million internally displaced persons.

All of that because of aggression of our neighbor country bully the Russian Federation.

A lot of us here also know what it is like to face the hybrid warfare: cyberattacks, lies, fake news, propaganda and stop it those should be our task here in the IPU as so-called World Parliament.