

Speech by Langhoff, Rasmus Horn (Denmark)

Dear colleagues, ~~ladies and gentlemen~~

This is my first IPU-session and I am grateful to have an opportunity to address this ~~distinguished~~ Assembly.

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- make it short.

I have been member of the Danish Parliament since ~~2011~~ ^{FOR 10 Yea} representing the Social Democratic Party, the governing party

In Denmark.

~~since 2019~~. Since the election in 2019 I have been our Party's spokesperson on Health, ^{issues} focusing most of my work on ~~the~~ handling the pandemic,

It has been a challenging period of time, ~~not least due to the pandemic~~

The pandemic was a set back for several of the Sustainable Development Goals: Lockdowns hit the poor and vulnerable group hardest. ~~Particularly concerning~~, poorer children are most likely to have missed schooling, intensifying ~~educational~~ inequality.

But what I like to emphasize, is that the time of the pandemic made it clear that ^{many} political decision-makers actually managed to take decisive steps and resolute action to deal with the severe consequences of the pandemic. Politics made a difference.

In many ways covid-19 has been a wake up call for the global collaboration required to tackle other threats, such as climate change.

While the corona virus came without a warning we already have a lot of facts and evidence about the climate crises.

There are no excuses not to react now - globally and locally.

In

~~30th~~ of January 2020 the WHO, declared the coronavirus as a global health emergency. It helped increase national and international attention.

~~Maybe~~ ^{I believe} we also need an emergency call for the climate to make it clear for everyone, that action is urgently needed. For the sake of our children and ~~our grandchildren~~ and future generations.

Before finishing my brief presentation I must express my deepest solidarity and support to the Ukrainian ^{people} population fighting for ~~fundamental rights like~~ ^{their} freedom, democracy and ~~national self-~~ ^{and their lives.} determination.

~~I strongly appeal to Mr. Putin: Stop this war!~~ This has to stop!

The fact is, that if Russia stops the fighting there will be no more war. If Ukraine stops the fighting there will be no Ukraine.

~~Thank you.~~ ~~So~~ Mr. Putin, this message is for you :

- Stop ~~the~~ ^{your} aggressions.
- Pull back the russian troops from ukraine.
- Stop ~~this~~ ^{your} brutal war.

Now!

Thank you!