

Hon. Speaker Manzoor Nadir's Address to 144th IPU Assembly

Madam President, first, the Guyana Delegation thanks you and the organizers of the IPU for the excellent facilities you have provided for us here in Bali.

Madam President, climate change is like the Russian invasion of the Ukraine. We all know it is happening. However, we fail to take serious action to mitigate and stop it. Like all countries here, we are at the frontline of the negative impacts of climate change.

In several areas, we've had to raise our sea defenses two feet. Water wells in our Interior areas had to be dug to one hundred feet and we suffered the ravages of weather swings, the el nino and la nina patterns.

Madam President, Guyana is making a commitment. For us to get to zero, all of us will have to unite and be a hero. Guyana will have to pass, at its Parliament, a resolution that will bind its Government and future Governments: Why? We have democracy where Governments change, and, when Governments change, policy changes. The one glue would be to have a resolution of Parliament. In this regard, today, I was hearten to hear of the resolutions from Korea and Zimbabwe with respect to binding Governments. This is a recommendation we want to make to other countries whose Parliaments have not done so.

Madam President, my Attorney General will be speaking later, and I now cede my remaining time to him. As the saying goes, "Politicians have to learn to stand up, speak up and shut up". Thank you.