

Greetings and peace be upon you!

Mr. President, dear friends and colleagues,

First of all, I would like to express my deepest condolences to the victims of the recent tragic earthquake in the friendly countries of Turkiye and Syria.

Sadly, I am once again attending the Inter-Parliamentary Union meeting in a situation where Afghanistan is under increased Taliban pressure for the second year in a row. As the world watches, the people of Afghanistan are experiencing severe economic and social crises, as well as discrimination, poverty, insecurity, lack of education and basic rights for women and girls. A year after I last spoke here, there has been only growing despair and hopelessness for the people of my country.

During the last two decades, Afghanistan had significant achievements, such as sports, economy, education, freedom of speech, human rights, a representative system of government, and a trained and professional army among other things. The parliament of Afghanistan, which was considered one of the greatest achievements of the past twenty years, unfortunately stopped functioning in its normal way after the fall of the Republic, and now there is a serious need than ever for us to establish inter-parliamentary relations between the member countries of this conference and raise

the rightful voice of the Afghan people via this platform. This is why we are very grateful for the IPU.

Afghanistan is composed of different ethnic groups, each of which has great culture, history, and honors, and throughout history, they have contributed to the governance and played a valuable role in building the modern Afghanistan. The participation of all ethnic groups in the development and implementation of a truly inclusive democratic system is considered an important principle of statehood, like eradicating poverty and prejudice.

However the current Taliban regime in Kabul does not abide nor respect these rules, pays no attention to the needs of the Afghan people and has clearly failed to ensure the safety and security of the people and parliamentarians, as we witnessed in the assassination of Ms. Mursal. Nabizadeh. She was one of the active female representatives in the Afghan Parliament who was recently secretly martyred under the Taliban regime and to this day no one has given an answer nor held accountable for her death.

Currently, around 125 MPs and the members of the Parliament Secretariat are still living in danger in Afghanistan and neighboring countries. You are kindly requested to think about how we can save so many of your colleagues' lives and evacuate them as soon as possible.

Dear attendees!

As the Speaker of the Afghanistan's Parliament and the representative of the voice of millions of my constituency, until the formation of a truly inclusive political system, today from this stage I once again call upon the Taliban regime to provide justice, security, eradicate poverty, distribute all the humanitarian aid in an equitable manner, and treat all Afghans without discrimination. Also, the Taliban must immediately open schools and universities for the country's daughters and sisters.

Dear friends!

In order to solve the current crisis in Afghanistan, I suggest forming a global consensus and making Afghanistan a democratic and progressive system through political dialogue, a system in which all ethnic groups have a share. My sincere desire to you, my colleagues, is that you assist and work with us to satisfy the needs of the Afghan people.

Thank you!