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**“PROMOTING PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND  
INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES: FIGHTING  
INTOLERANCE”**

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***Bismillāhirrahmānirrahīm***

**Excellency President of the Assembly;  
Distinguished Parliamentarians;**

***Assalāmu'alaikum Wr. Wb.***

**May the Peace and Blessing of Allah be Upon All of  
You**

Let me first appreciate both Council of Representatives and Shura Council of Bahrain for generous hospitality and warmest welcome as well as excellent arrangement.

***Distinguished parliamentarians,***

Our today's assembly focuses on how to promote peaceful coexistence and inclusive societies through fighting against intolerance. This topic is IPU's response to the global state severely marked by intolerance, racial discrimination, violent discords and wars.

Countries from all over the world aspire their people living together in peaceful state free from suffering, fear, aggression, occupation, and intolerance in all its forms including hatred based on religions as

manifested in the growing Islamophobia and the recurrent of burning the Holy Quran.

***Distinguished Parliamentarians,***

I want to show you the magnitude of diversities in Indonesia, an archipelago of more than 17,000 islands. We have nearly 1.128 ethnic groups, 726 languages, as well as diverse religions.

The Indonesian founding fathers when they declared our independence, in 1945 agreed to make the country as a union of archipelagos in one political entity and not be separated by ethnic, culture and religious differences.

Allow me to share from Indonesian experiences in promoting peaceful coexistence and inclusive societies:

1) Fully trusting that diversities come to enrich human being life not to harm.

2) Adopting the solid legal platforms as common ground for living together in peace, based on acceptance and acknowledgement of inherent differences, mutual understanding and respecting each other.

3) Instilling values of peace and tolerance as a way of life that begin with the individual and spread to the family, school, community, nation, and to the global village.

4) Maintaining cultures of peace in all walks of life including conflict settlements, cultivating dialogue in all kinds of common problems.

***Distinguished parliamentarians,***

While we are here, warfare, hostility, and intolerance still remain in parts of the world, manifested in hate speech, blasphemy of religions, apartheid and discrimination.

The most disturbing is both remaining and continuing the global injustice regarding the collective severe sufferings experienced by the people of Palestine since nearly over seven decades.

Let us put an end this hypocrisy and double standards.

How can the world be still muted with no concrete action. In modern contemporary, we have

been witnessing the dire occupation since more seven decades.

How can we allow the continuation of the land-grabbing, expulsion of Palestinians from their homeland, and threatening them with death. Are we really citizens of a civilized world?

How can we be not responsible for nearly 150 Palestinians were killed in the West Bank and east Jerusalem in 2022, making it the deadliest year in those areas since 2004?

It is unacceptable. concerning the recent finding facts by the Amnesty International that showed the true extent of apartheid regime imposed against people in Gaza, East Jerusalem and the rest of the West Bank.

We also must not forget the plight of people in Rakhine and Muslim minorities caused by intolerant policies and Islamophobia.

If we do not take appropriate concrete action immediately, the global stability and security will be put at risk. We must prevent the dark historic recurrence when the world was totally devastated by the wars.

We as global parliamentarians have to take leading roles in urging the implementation of all relevant international legal instruments agreed to fight against intolerance.

The United Nations in particular Security Council is required to steadily act. The global justice must be upheld consistently and fairly.

We have to start to consider making the UN stronger and more effective in implementing peaceful coexistence and inclusive societies.

We strongly criticize stance from countries that obviously demonstrate their hypocrisy and double standard when addressing intolerance, racial discrimination, blatant violation exercised by the occupying power.

Let us make sure that our world is free from any remnants of the colonial mentality that likely lead to placing the others as undignified people to be further exploited.

We should not let any country is above the international laws. All of us are equal before the laws.

**I thank you.**