

Honorable Chairman!
Dear colleagues!

Today, sustainable peace and development are fundamental preconditions for the future of the planet and humanity. As you are aware, this vision is enshrined in the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030. And parliamentarians have the opportunity and the powers provided by national legislations to assume important functions in advocating and supporting peace through the enactment, oversight and representation. Members of parliaments have a unique ability to serve as a liaison between people and authorities, adopt and promote people-centred legislation and policies.

Ensuring the effective implementation of peace and reconciliation initiatives requires proactive engagement, oversight and collaboration by national parliaments and their members.

Parliaments could make greater use of their legislative power in the advancement of peace agenda, exercise more periodic oversight of activity of national executive entities in this sphere, promote a more holistic understanding peace, security and stability and, finally, parliaments should seek more meaningful involvement in national and global peace-building, conflict resolution and reconciliation efforts.

MPs should actively engage with stakeholders involved in peace initiatives, such as government agencies, civil society organizations, international partners and local communities. By fostering dialogue and collaboration, MPs can facilitate coordination among different actors, address implementation challenges, and ensure that diverse perspectives are considered.

Parliamentarians can also advocate for adequate financial and human resources to support the implementation of peace initiatives. They can engage in budgetary processes, propose amendments or reallocations of resources to ensure that peace-building activities receive sufficient funding and support.

MPs can play a role in raising public awareness about peace and reconciliation initiatives and garnering support from the public. They can use their platforms to communicate the importance of peace-building efforts, highlight success stories, and address resistance. By generating public support, MPs can create a favorable environment for effective implementation.

National parliaments should periodically review relevant laws and regulations to ensure they align with the objectives of peace initiatives. If necessary, they can propose legislative reforms to address gaps or barriers to implementation.

MPs should demonstrate a long-term commitment to peace initiatives. Peace-building is often a complex and time-consuming process, requiring sustained efforts over an extended period. MPs can advocate for the continuity of peace programs beyond political cycles and ensure that commitments to peace are upheld over time.

By actively engaging in oversight, collaboration, and advocacy, MPs can play a vital role in ensuring the effective implementation of peace initiatives and contribute to lasting peace and stability in their societies.

Thank you!