



**Speech Text  
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**« Parliamentary diplomacy: Building bridges for peace and understanding ».**



**Dear colleagues Presidents of Parliaments and Heads of Parliamentary Delegations,  
Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished attendance,**

**Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh**

The theme of this Assembly general debate is of great importance as it comes in a moment where the world is witnessing many conflicts and disputes that threaten the lives and fortunes of peoples and requires to unite all efforts with the aim to consolidate a culture of peace and peaceful coexistence and to turn it into tangible reality on the ground.

We parliamentarians can play a key role in these efforts, notably with the growing role of parliamentary diplomacy at the international level in achieving peace and bringing the views of the parties to the conflict closer together, which the Arab Parliament follows in all its external movements and in its positions towards conflicts and disputes around the world.

Distinguished audience,

As we are talking about building bridges for peace, we witness the international community literally helpless to stop the brutal Israeli occupation entity from killing children, women, and the elderly in the State of Palestine, who have been subjected for six months continuously to crimes of genocide and brutal massacres witnessing all kinds of war crimes unknown to recent history, in addition to the policy of starvation and slow death against wounded and injured.

The daily statistics no longer monitor just the numbers of martyrs and injured, but also register the numbers of daily massacres committed against entire families, which reflects the atrocity of terrorist practices perpetrated by the brutal occupation entity causing the martyrdom of 32 thousand civilians, mostly women and children, besides tens of thousands of injured.

This crisis revealed the scale of international hypocrisy that we live in our contemporary world, and proved beyond a doubt that the United Nations Security Council is powerless to manage the current international system, requiring radical change if we wish the law of the jungle not to prevail over the norms of international law and resolutions of international legitimacy.



Distinguished audience,

If we condemn the failing international standing towards massacres and crimes in the Gaza Strip, we need to wonder about the role of parliamentarians, representatives of free peoples, in stopping the terrorist practices carried out by the occupying entity in the Gaza Strip and the occupied Palestinian territories.

So how do we talk today about the role of parliamentary diplomacy in building bridges for peace when we cannot do anything about the daily killing of children and women since we last met in Angola to our meeting today in Geneva, even we have not been able for the second consecutive time to just adopt an emergency item that supports the cessation of these crimes.

It is most regrettable that there are still among us in this hall who support the brutal massacres committed against Palestinian civilians, six months of killing women and children did not suffice for them to change their attitudes and to uphold the voice of right, justice, and human conscience.

Distinguished audience,

This Organization that brings together the parliaments of various countries of the world, must have a clear and strong position towards the continuation of these brutal massacres. In this context, I must tell you quite strongly that revoking the membership of the brutal occupation entity in the Inter-Parliamentary Union is the least possible we can do as parliamentarians in victory for the living human conscience.

Clearly such move will not stop the massacres and terrorist practices committed by the occupation, yet at the very least it is a message of solidarity not only with the Palestinian people but also with humanity which rejects in all religions, races, and ethnicities what the terrorist occupier commits in the Gaza Strip.

**Long live Palestine... Free and Arab**

Thank you for listening so well,  
Peace be upon you.