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**Parliamentary diplomacy: Building bridges for  
peace and understanding**

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***Excellencies Speakers of Parliament, and  
President of the IPU***

***Honorable Members of Parliament,***

***Distinguished delegates,***

The year 2024 is a test for our commitment to build a peaceful, just, and inclusive world.

Global order is at a crossroads...as we live in a fragmented world.

If we look around the world, we see wars and conflicts ... in some parts of the world.

Conflicts have become new normal ...in some corners of the world.

Crises and geopolitical tensions are intensifying ...they are linked to great power rivalry.

As a consequence, millions of civilians are suffering in the conflict and war zone.

In short,... we have witnessed the absence of peace.

However, despite significant global challenges ...

→ Parliaments must strengthen our collective efforts to ensure that everyone ... regardless of their backgrounds ... live in peace.

Various crises ...such as war, major power competition, global warming ... have affected directly the people that we represent.

Parliament, as representative of the people, must lead by example ... by championing the three pillars of peace:... dialogue, diplomacy, and cooperation.

We need to strengthen preventive diplomacy ...that requires more dialog and cooperation among nations.

In this regard, we must build a culture of peace ... that demands commitment to uphold tolerance, ... respect diversity, ... and build trust and understanding.

Most importantly, it requires the rejection of the use of force in resolving dispute.

We must promote dialogue ... instead of taking unilateral action.

And we must advance cooperation ... instead of creating fragmentation.

***Distinguished Delegates,***

This month ... Muslims around the world celebrate the holy month of Ramadan ...

→ A blessed month which embodies the values of peace, and tolerance.

Sadly,... the killing, bloodshed, and bombing by Israel continue in Gaza.

This is an atrocity that goes beyond any justification.

How many more lives should perish before international community make a move?

Are we going to stay idle?

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To the great powers ... please use your influences ... to bring back humanity – and not to prolong the war.

The eyes of the world are watching... We all here are watching...

And we cannot turn blind eye to the suffering of civilians in Gaza.

In this critical time, immediate ceasefire is a must.

I urge all parties concerned ... to ensure safe passage of humanitarian access and respect towards humanitarian law.

And the main objective is ...for the establishment of a two-state solution, based on international law and UN resolutions.

Indonesia ... will always stand with Palestine and support its struggle to be an independent state.

***Distinguished Delegates,***

We need long-lasting peace in Ukraine, and also in other places,... from Yemen to Myanmar.

To realize durable peace every where,... international community and especially major powers ...should put pressure to the parties in conflict to come to the negotiation table.

So... people can raise their living standard,...boys and girls can go to school... and those who are sick can go to hospital.

Today, we are moving backwards in achieving the SDGs, and ending poverty globally.

It is difficult to realize these goals without peace as its foundation.

Because there is no development without peace... and no peace without development.

We must not forget ... that peace and development are mutually reinforcing.

Peace is the key to make progress in a country.

Development needs peace ... justice needs peace  
... democracy needs peace.

Achieving peace becomes more difficult in a  
fragmented and multipolar world.

This fragmented world,... as a result of great power  
rivalry, ... has triggered geopolitical tension in  
some part of the world.

While multipolar world has created important  
opportunities... for middle power to play leadership  
role at the global and regional stage.

But multipolarity alone cannot guarantee peace.

Building peace requires global order, and strong  
global institution.

In this regard, we need to reform multilateral  
institution that was built in the post cold war 2 (two)  
era.

UN reform, especially UN Security Council ...  
should be at the core of our multilateral agenda.

- ✓ There should be broader representation of UN Security Council's membership...
- ✓ And its veto right must be reviewed.

### ***Distinguished delegates,***

I believe parliament can play an important role to create global peace and security.

By using its authority, ...parliament can make law that protect the rights of everyone regardless of their background...including women, children, and disabled.

We can also strengthen inter-parliamentary diplomacy, ...and improve education in promoting the culture of peace.

Parliaments of IPU members have to redouble their commitments ...to reject violence and build peace-loving society.

From this room, we should send clear message to international community ... enough is enough ... never again use force in resolving dispute.



I believe that networks of parliaments can help add value....:

- ✓ For building trust, cooperation, and more understanding among nations.

Finally, I encourage all of us ...to bring home our positive deliberation here in Geneva... to the parliaments of our respective countries.

In this challenging times, ... each of us ... parliamentarian ... should have a part to play to build peace.

- ✓ We have to turn this uncertain world into more peaceful world.

Therefore, let us work together ... to never give up pushing for peace... for the people that we represent.

*Thank you.*

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