Thank you, Chair.

I am honored to stand here before you, particularly to talk about such a pressing issue. It’s evident that we are facing numerous challenges on a global scale. The ongoing conflicts worldwide serve as reminders of the fragility of peace and stability in our world. However, these armed conflicts are just one facet of the crises we are confronting.

We are also grappling with the looming threat of climate change, which jeopardizes the lives and homes of countless individuals every day. Additionally, economic instability has also cast a shadow. Moreover, the rise of anti-institutional extremism is a grave threat to the credibility of governments worldwide, undermining trust at a time when it is needed most.

As parliamentarians, we have a solemn responsibility to uphold the values of peace, justice, and trust. The Hague, our political capital, is renowned internationally as a city of peace and justice, hosting numerous organizations dedicated to promoting these ideals.

From the International Court of Justice to the Permanent Court of Arbitration, thousands of experts in international law and governance converge here to share their expertise and work towards a more just world. Peace is not merely the absence of armed conflict; it encompasses security, the rule of law, and the conditions necessary for individuals, families, and communities to thrive.

It is necessary to stand up for the most vulnerable among us and to combat discrimination and hatred in all its forms. Yet, even as we strive to uphold these principles, we are confronted with a troubling reality within our own country.

The threat of AI intelligence. It has recently come to light that on a popular website, images of well-known Dutch women, including parliamentarians, are being used in Deepfake videos created using AI technology.

These deepfakes represent a despicable form of manipulation and violation, perpetuating harmful stereotypes and undermining the integrity of our society. As parliamentarians, we cannot allow women, children and also men to be victimized by the abuse of AI technology.

The Dutch government is taking steps to address this issue, with legislation on sexual offenses being approved in the Senate to combat this.

However, legislative action alone is not enough. We must come together as a community to denounce these actions and support the victims. Furthermore, I call upon the international community to join us in condemning the misuse of AI technology to manipulate and undermine women, children and men.

Together, we must enact global measures to prevent and punish such abuses, and fight for the rights and dignity of all individuals.

Thank you.