

Dear Chairperson and colleagues,

In these times of increasing polarization worldwide, stemming from various societal divides, we recognize the significant impact decision-making holds, both on a personal and organizational level. As elected representatives, it is crucial for us to advocate for unity and understanding within our society.

Our primary task in combating this polarization is to acknowledge and embrace the diversity among us. As parliamentarians, it is our duty to enact laws and policies that promote equality and strengthen human rights.

Parliaments worldwide can significantly contribute to promoting peace and international security through engagement in global initiatives and dialogues. Strengthening international agreements and fostering collaboration are key to resolving conflicts and preventing wars.

To facilitate dialogue between parliaments for peace, our parliament has numerous tools at its disposal, including formal and informal channels, interactions with other countries and their politicians, and collaboration with different organizations, especially human rights organizations.

The Norwegian Parliament has demonstrated effective diplomatic efforts, such as bilateral cooperation on challenging issues, specialized committees for international affairs, and regular engagement with international colleagues to enhance our understanding and participation.

The Norwegian parliament, regardless of political membership, has the responsibility to oversee the government's agreed-upon political lines are upheld, both nationally and internationally. While maintaining a cooperative relationship with the government, we also ensure vigilant oversight to uphold laws, policies, and international agreements, with a commitment to promoting equality, peace, and safety.

Recent efforts in the Norwegian parliament have focused on strengthening regulations surrounding government transparency and accountability, reflecting our commitment to fostering public trust in political processes. In these processes, all parties are active, and in times of difficulty, they stand united when facing the press. Parties utilize these opportunities to reduce polarization around politicians.

We have also witnessed the use of artificial intelligence in spreading fake news and manipulating public opinion. It is imperative that we swiftly establish national and international regulations governing the ethical use of artificial intelligence to prevent further polarization. As parliamentarians, we must ensure that human rights are upheld both online and offline.

Regulating AI is crucial to preventing conflicts, riots, and unfair treatment, as unchecked AI content could intensify societal instability. It's essential to remember that behind every AI decision lies human responsibility and oversight.

We are currently implementing various forms of AI content labeling on the internet, promoting transparency and accountability. This is particularly vital, as humans can use AI to significantly influence important decisions, such as elections. Therefore, it is more important than ever that we ensure equality and fair representation in both political and organizational contexts, given that AI's data stems from existing data.

In conclusion, as we navigate the complexities of our ever-changing world, let us remember our duty as parliamentarians to uphold the values of equality, peace, and transparency. By working together, we can forge a path towards a brighter and more harmonious future for all.

Thank you.