

## **SPEECH**

### **Chairperson of the Mejlis of Turkmenistan D. Gulmanova at the 148th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union**

**Dear Tulia Akson!**

**Ladies and gentlemen!**

Let me express my gratitude for the organization at the highest level the 148th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the meetings within its framework, as well as for the opportunity to speak!

**Dear participants of the meeting!**

The Inter-Parliamentary Union is an important platform for the exchange of experience and discussion of issues of mutual cooperation for parliaments of different countries, aims to support parliamentarians in promoting peace, democracy and sustainable development. We consider the importance to organize the current Assembly on the theme “Parliamentary diplomacy: building a bridge of peace and mutual understanding,” which includes issues of universal peaceful coexistence.

Since parliaments, on the one hand, are bodies of state power, on the other hand, act with accountability as representatives elected by the people, great opportunities open up for them in promoting universal peace and dialogue on a global scale within the framework of parliamentary diplomacy. The Inter-Parliamentary Union, being the organization with the largest membership, is capable of establishing effective cooperation in this direction.

**Ladies and gentlemen!**

Turkmenistan, implementing a peacekeeping foreign policy in accordance with the status of permanent neutrality, twice recognized by the United Nations General Assembly, aims to help ensure global peace, security and sustainable development and strengthen the role of our state in international relations.

Turkmenistan is not limited to pursuing a good neighborhood policy only in the Central Asian region, but also implements it in relation to all interested states and its doesn't look for a coincidence of interests, but conducts effective joint work with its partners in the interests of general well-being.

At the same time, Turkmenistan attaches great importance to the role of the headquarters of the United Nations, the Regional Center for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia, opened in Ashgabat in 2007, in

strengthening peace, security and dialogue throughout the world.

**The President of Turkmenistan, respected Serdar Berdimuhamedov**, in his speech at the 78th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, proposed to begin discussing the possibility of developing a strategy for global security which is based on the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and generally recognized norms of international law. The respected President also voiced the initiative to create, under the auspices of the UN, a format of a meeting on security in Central Asia and its adjacent zones. We believe that these initiatives will be important in ensuring peace, security and sustainable development throughout the world.

**Dear colleagues!**

Turkmenistan takes a responsible approach in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, strengthening security throughout the world, and cooperates closely in this direction with the states of the world and authoritative international organizations. Jointly implemented projects, on the one hand, contribute to the strengthening the peace and security in the political system, the development of preventive diplomacy, and countering modern challenges and threats, on the other hand, they have a positive impact on the development of trade and economic cooperation, strengthening environmental security, joining forces in jointly solving pressing problems related to climate change.

In this context, Turkmenistan, under the leadership of the **respected President**, is carrying out positive activities to ensure environmental well-being in the region and the world. Our country is currently working to protect the environment through green energy, the usage of renewable energy sources, which form the basis of the overall Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals. In order to strengthen the legal basis for activities carried out in our country in this direction, the Mejlis of Turkmenistan adopted the Laws of Turkmenistan “On Environmental Audit” and “On Renewable Energy Sources”.

These measures contribute to the development of the economy of our country, improving the social status of the population, as well as developing the level of industrialization in accordance with modern requirements.

**Ladies and gentlemen!**

As noted, parliaments have a vast role in supporting interstate relations at the level of parliamentarians, deepening and expanding knowledge in the field of peace, security and the rule of law.

In the interests of peace and security the creation, by the initiative of Turkmenistan, Group of Friends of Neutrality under the auspices of the United Nations is important for the effective usage of the principles of neutrality in resolving international issues and developing dialogue as a guarantee of peace. On February 15 of this year, we held the first meeting of the heads of parliaments of the member countries of the Group of Friends of Neutrality under the motto “The Role of Parliamentary Cooperation in Strengthening Peace and Dialogue.” Leaders and representatives of authoritative international organizations and parliaments of member countries of the Group of Friends of Neutrality and the Inter-Parliamentary Union took part in the meeting. Our goal is to continue an equal dialogue in the future and create an influential platform for strengthening cooperation with the parliaments of the world on issues of global development.

During 2024, we planing to hold a regional conference of Central Asia in Ashgabat together with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

This events open up new opportunities for strengthening peace and trust between countries, improving established relations of friendship and cooperation and uniting the efforts of parliaments in this direction

**Dear participants of the meeting!**

**Ladies and gentlemen!**

Taking this opportunity, I wish all participants of the Assembly good health, family well-being, success in responsible and noble activities in the name of ensuring world peace and sustainable development!

**Thank you for your attention!**