

Libyan House of Representatives

Your Excellency's / Distinguished Attendees

Peace, mercy and blessings of God be upon you

This session is being held, and at the top of its agenda is the item (Benefiting from science, technology and innovation for a more peaceful and sustainable future) - No one denies the role of science and technology in the well-being of humanity. In fact, scientific progress has saved humanity from hunger, poverty and incurable diseases. The promotion of knowledge, its dissemination, its use and directing efforts towards science and technology achieves the goals of sustainable development.

But in light of the international circumstances that are unfortunately full of the aggravation of conflicts and crises, their expansion and intensity, with all the huge human losses, and the political, economic and social repercussions that result from them, and the violation of human rights, while the international system stands helpless in the face of this, we find a shameful failure towards the war against the people of Gaza, with no prosecution or punishment of the criminal who continues to commit more genocide against defenseless civilians, including children, women and the elderly, and starvation and displacement against them, and the Zionist entity does not care about the decisions and laws, to the point that it poses a threat to the stability of the entire region, and a danger to international security and peace.

How can there be peace, development, and peaceful coexistence while the Zionist entity is practicing these crimes that are shameful to every forehead, using science and technology?

We see every day this disgusting scene in Gaza, which has made the lives of its residents miserable, leaving destruction, martyrs, and missing persons, most of them children, women, and the elderly, and those who were not killed were forcibly displaced from their land, in full view and hearing of the international community, which did nothing. It is blessed by the great powers and organizations that claim human rights, freedoms, peace, and development. They even prevent any aid from entering.

The Zionist entity is no longer satisfied with the genocidal war it is committing against the Palestinian people, and the blood that is being shed in Gaza. Rather, the conflict has moved to Lebanon, which is now under bombardment, destruction, the killing of innocents, and the displacement of families under harsh humanitarian conditions, in light of the state of paralysis experienced by the Security Council in implementing its resolutions related to the Arab-Zionist conflict. Consequently, the region will not enjoy peace and stability unless the occupation of all Arab lands is ended.

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Technology has come to reflect greed and avarice in seizing the resources of other peoples and climbing on the remains of others under the principle: "The end justifies the means".

Peace, stability, development and prosperity do not depend on economic or natural resources alone, but on the ability of the international community to spread science and technology without discrimination, in a way that benefits humanity, especially after conflicts, disputes, crises and disasters, and we must be careful in using this progress for a brighter, more peaceful and sustainable future.

In the belief of the Libyan House of Representatives that sustainable development achieves security, peace, stability and prosperity, it has enacted many laws and legislations related to supporting science, technology and innovation, including the Universities Law, which works to qualify cadres and competencies in the branches of science and knowledge to contribute to developing and implementing development plans and projects and participate in creating a supportive environment to improve the quality of life in society, the Salaries Law for workers in the education sector within the framework of improving the conditions, rights and benefits of teachers, and the Law Regulating Technical, Vocational and Professional Education, in order to enhance and achieve the goals of sustainable development, increase its indicators and rebuild to have an infrastructure.

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The transfer of science, technology and innovation is one of the basic means of accelerating peace and development. I call upon you - **from this parliamentary platform - to:**

- **Work** to enhance the achievement of the principles that form the basis of the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the Declaration of Principles of International Law.
- **International cooperation** to ensure the benefit of the use of technology to spread peace, economic and social development for peoples, and the implementation of human rights and freedoms, in accordance with the United Nations Charter, and to prosecute and punish all perpetrators of crimes against humanity.
- **Taking the necessary measures** to address the risks and challenges facing the use of technology, including legislative measures to prevent its use in a way that harms humanity and fundamental freedoms, or its misuse.
- **Supporting developing and poor countries** to enhance scientific and technological capabilities, overcome the difficulties they face, and enhance and develop opportunities through cooperation to accelerate the implementation of sustainable development goals.

Thank you for listening

Peace be upon you and God's mercy and blessings

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