

Speech of Mr Selman Ozboyacı, Türkiye.

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**Dear Participants,**

Throughout history, humanity has made great advancements through science, technology, and innovation. These developments have opened new horizons for humanity, turning what was once impossible into reality and making existing tasks easier.

Today, without a doubt, the ones who can best use the power of science and technology to build a peaceful and sustainable future are the youth. However, we must also acknowledge that young people do not have equal access to opportunities. While some in certain countries are working with artificial intelligence, blockchain, and space technologies, others are falling behind due to war, terrorism, famine, and economic difficulties.

Even worse, technologies developed to benefit humanity are, unfortunately, being used in some regions to destroy lives, as we witness today in Gaza and Lebanon.

**Dear Participants,**

Can we truly hope to build a more peaceful and sustainable world for future generations by ignoring the tragedy unfolding before our eyes? I stand before hundreds of young parliamentary colleagues from around the world, and I want to speak directly to them.

**Dear Young Parliamentarians,**

Just two days ago, while we were here in this meeting, 19-year-old Şaban Ahmed, who had taken refuge in tents in the courtyard of the Aksa Martyrs Hospital, burned to death in an airstrike. He, too, was young! Moreover, he was a software engineer. He also wanted to use science and technology to build a peaceful future. But he burned to death before our very eyes, live on air.

**Dear Parliamentarians,**

I call on you to raise your voices to stop the events in Gaza. We must be the ones to speak out the loudest to stop this genocide and ensure we do not leave behind a world we will be ashamed of for future generations. Let us oppose the massacre being carried out by Israel in Gaza. Let us stand on the right side of history, alongside humanity and peace. Let history remember us not for our silence but for our courage to stand with the oppressed.

Let us not forget that a more peaceful and sustainable future is only possible by building a more just world.

Thank you.