



Speech Text

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General Debate

**« Harnessing science, technology and innovation for a more
peaceful and sustainable future»**



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Dear colleagues Presidents of Parliaments and Heads of Parliamentary Delegations,

Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished attendance,

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

Firstly, I wish to express my pleasure at participating in the 149th IPU Assembly, actually, the theme of the general debate of this Assembly is of great importance notably under the numerous advantages and benefits of science and technology in many areas of daily life, to the extent that we can say that engaging in the artificial intelligence system is no longer a luxury or a well-being, yet it became imperative to catch up with the global movement in this field.

The Arab Parliament realized early on the importance of the artificial intelligence governance, and the need to develop Arab plans and strategies to maximize benefit from this area, and to address the associated challenges in line with the specificity of Arab societies and their system of values and ethics.

In this context, the Arab Parliament had issued two years ago, the first Arab Indicative Law on Artificial Intelligence, as a legislative reference for Arab States in this field. It had also issued during its Sixth Conference with Presidents of Arab national parliaments held last February, a document entitled "Arab parliamentary vision for achieving the safe use of artificial intelligence", which included a number of parliamentary visions on artificial intelligence governance in Arab States.

Realizing the importance of this subject and aligning with the IPU's objectives, the Arab Parliament had formed a High-level Parliamentary Group on Science and Technology as one of the legislative tools working on this important subject, including representatives of Arab national parliaments.

Distinguished attendance,
During the 147th IPU General Assembly held in October last year in the Republic of Angola, we condemned the brutal



massacres and genocidal war committed by the Israeli occupation entity against women, children and the elderly in the Gaza Strip and the occupied Palestinian territories.

Neither of us would have ever imagine that these massacres would continue for over a year continuously, without a strong and clear stance from the international community to halt these terrorist crimes which violate all international laws, norms and humanitarian principles.

If we are talking today, as stated in the concept note on the theme of the general debate, how nations can harness the power of science, technology and innovation to create a more peaceful, sustainable and just world, we have seen for over a year under the sight and hearing of the entire world, how the brutal occupation entity employs the power of science and technology to stalk the lives of children, women and the elderly turning them into remains in the State of Palestine, besides the mass destruction of all infrastructure facilities including hospitals, schools, mosques and even shelter camps.

These ongoing terrorist crimes for over a year, represent a blatant example of the use of science and technology by the occupying entity to destroy people, instead of being a tool for a more peaceful, secure and just world, also represent a turning point in a double-standard international system, and more than ever far from imposing respect for the rule of international humanitarian law, and all international laws and instruments.

Distinguished attendance,

As parliamentarians, we must have a clear position and a strong voice regarding the state of international hypocrisy in dealing with the cowardly terrorist crimes in the Gaza Strip and the occupied Palestinian territories, that are pushing the entire region into an uncertain fate and impose the law of the jungle at the expense of international law and resolutions of international legitimacy.

The Inter-Parliamentary Union, as the world's largest parliamentary organization representing all people of the



world, must have a clear position on the continuation of such terrorist crimes for over a year, not only in solidarity with the Palestinian people, but with the whole of humanity, which in all religions, races and genders rejects what the brutal occupier carries out in the State of Palestine.

**Thank you for listening so well,
Peace be upon you**