

**Opening speech by the Chairperson of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis
T.Narbaeva in the opening ceremony of the 150th Assembly of the Inter-
Parliamentary Union**

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Your Excellency distinguished Tulia Ackson!

Your Excellency distinguished Martin Chungong!

Dear heads of delegations!

Ladies and gentlemen!

We are thrilled to have you join us for this special occasion, an **opening ceremony of the 150th Anniversary Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union** in Uzbekistan, in our capital Tashkent.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and its President, **Ms. Tulia Ackson**, to the Secretary General, Mr. **Martin Chungong**, and to the members of the **Executive Committee of the Union** for their comprehensive assistance in organizing the work of this Assembly at a high level.

Dear friends,

The 150th Anniversary Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union is significant not only for its historicity, but also because it is aimed at **strengthening relations between society and the state**, developing the social sphere, which is an **important prerequisite for ensuring the sustainable development of countries**.

Within the framework of the Assembly on the theme **“Parliamentary movement for social development and justice”**, about **70** different **events and debates** were organized, aimed at expanding the participation and increasing the activity of parliaments in achieving social development and building a just society.

Dear colleagues!

Today, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which has a significant power or influence and strong decision-making voice in the global political arena, is actively working in such important areas as the **development of parliamentary diplomacy, strengthening democratic institutions, protecting human**

rights and implementing the Sustainable Development Goals.

The IPU contributes to the development of common strategies for parliaments to deal with modern threats through the **mutual integration of best practices and experiences of national legislative bodies.**

Especially at this particular time when the **geopolitical situation is becoming increasingly tense**, the Inter-Parliamentary Union seeks to strengthen the role of parliaments in **maintaining peace and security** in the world, **resolving conflicts, developing international law and peacekeeping policy.**

Particular attention is paid to the **protection of human rights** in the conflict zone, the **prevention of violence** and the **provision of humanitarian assistance** to those in need.

Ensuring **gender equality** in politics recognized as one of the priorities in the Union's activities. The suggested **effective mechanisms for increasing women's participation** in legislative activities contribute to an annual increase in the number of women in national parliaments.

In order to strengthen the participation of youth representatives in parliamentary activities, several projects are currently being promoted aimed at actively **involving them in lawmaking** and **supporting the new generation of politicians.**

Dear participants of the Assembly!

Today, in New Uzbekistan, **reforms are consistently continuing in all spheres of state and public life.**

The **role and powers of the national parliament in solving important socio-economic, political and legal tasks** in these processes have been significantly expanded.

In recent years, the parliament of Uzbekistan has been actively integrating into international parliamentary mechanisms.

We currently take an active **part in many international and regional organizations**, in particular, in the **Inter-Parliamentary Union**, the **Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe**, the **Commonwealth of Independent States**, the **Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic States**, as well as the **Central Asian Parliamentary Forum.**

As a full member of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, we put forward our **proposals and recommendations on the most urgent issues** within the

international framework.

Dear friends!

During the visit, you will have the opportunity to explore our country firsthand, get to know **its history, rich spiritual heritage, unique traditions and modern way of life** of the hospitable Uzbek people.

I would like to once again express my sincere gratitude to all the leaders and responsible employees of the Inter-Parliamentary Union for mobilizing all their efforts and capabilities to ensure that the **Anniversary Assembly in Tashkent** becomes an **unforgettable event in the history of world parliamentarism!**

Thanks for your attention!