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Honourable Mr President,

Esteemed colleagues,

Ladies and gentlemen,

There are two main principles upon which a democratic society is built: equality and participation in political processes.

As parliamentarians, we have the responsibility and the opportunity to shape the future of our countries by enacting laws that ensure justice, equality, and social development.

Our task is to establish a legislative framework that will provide all citizens with equal opportunities for advancement, while also enhancing the parliamentary oversight function through democratic mechanisms to monitor the work of the executive branch.

Parliamentarism has brought prosperity to societies; however, parliaments today face a crisis of legitimacy, as democratic institutions have failed to address some of the significant challenges of our time.

Among the most visible obstacles to the development of democratic institutions are citizens' distrust of these institutions, electoral abstention, complex coalition politics.

Parliamentarism, as a model of democratic governance, must provide a strong response, and this response must begin with us.

The essence of parliamentarism lies in the balance of power between the executive and legislative branches, and its fundamental principle is that power comes from the people and is accountable to the citizens.

By renewing political dialogue, improving interparty cooperation, and increasing citizen participation, we must genuinely strive for the development of a just society. Otherwise, parliaments risk becoming alienated, serving only their own interests, and losing their democratic legitimacy.

I urge all of us, as MPs and representatives of the people, to recognise our responsibility. As lawmakers, we must be the ones who promote social development and ensure justice for all.