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**STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATION OF RWANDA**

**Theme: Parliamentary Action for Social Development and Justice**

**Occasion: 150<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly, Tashkent, Uzbekistan**

**Date: 5-9 April 2025**

**Time: 5 minutes**

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- **Right Honorable President of this Assembly;**
- **Excellencies,**

Good afternoon!

1. I am honored to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Parliament of Uzbekistan and the leadership of the IPU, for the successful organization of this Assembly.

*Excellencies,*

2. Today, April 7<sup>th</sup>, is **the International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda**, as per **the UN Resolution 74/273 of April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. It is a day to remember and honor the victims of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, and to pay tribute to survivors for their resilience.

*Excellencies;*

3. After the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, Rwanda was close to a failed State. With a combination of a transformative leadership, solid institutions and active participation of the population; Today, 3 decades later, Rwanda is a country that counts even at international level. Rwandan people are united, resilient and dignified. Thus, they are building a brighter future.

▪ *Excellencies;*

4. Regarding the theme of General debate “**Parliamentary Action for Social Development and Justice**”, in my country Rwanda, we have embraced policies that contributed in reducing poverty, increasing incomes, improving living standards, strengthening good governance, promoting home grown solutions, establishing rule of law, promoting gender equality and women empowerment.

5. As a result, Rwanda has shown impressive economic resilience, which has been accompanied by improvements in social indicators, like the following:

- a) Rwanda is a global leader in promoting gender equality, with the highest percentage of women in parliament, with 63.75 % in the Chamber of Deputies and 53,8% in the Senate;
- b) The life expectancy has increased significantly reaching 69.6 years by 2022.

▪ *Excellencies;*

6. The Parliament of Rwanda plays a vital role in advancing social development and justice. Through oversight activities, the Parliament ensures that all policies and programs established are effectively implemented and do uplift the lives of Rwandans.

7. In that context, I would like to reiterate that Social development and justice are indeed global issues. As members of parliaments, representatives of people, let's play our parts to make sure that our governments give high priority to the social development and justice programmes for uplifting the standards of the lives of our people.

- *Excellencies;*
- *Dear Colleagues*

8. Regarding the accusations by DRC delegation against my country Rwanda, as usual, the accusations by DRC delegation against my County Rwanda, are false and baseless.

9. I would like to recall only the following:

- **The DRC Government is actively collaborating with FDLR, a UN sanctioned group responsible for committing the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, where more than 1 million of Tutsi were decimated. This collaboration with the FDLR has undermined the regional efforts for peace and constitute an existential threat to Rwanda;**
- **The conflict in EDRC is an internal issue of DRC itself;**
- **Mmechanisms to resolve that conflict are set by EAC-SADC and then endorsed by African Union;**
- **Currently there are clear indications that those mechanisms are moving in the right direction**
- **Rwanda is always for peace, and has been working tirelessly to support regional efforts aimed at bringing stability to the region and beyond.**

**I THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION!**