

Dear Madam President, dear colleges,

Before I begin my speech, I would like to thank the Uzbek Parliament on behalf of the Swiss delegation for its invitation and hospitality. We are enjoying our days here in Tashkent as a valuable experience.

I personally believe that if we want to achieve our sustainable goals, we need to become more credible. We need to raise awareness of the fact that the policies we are all pursuing today will be groundbreaking and formative for future generations. We must not block their future but must also open up opportunities for them to shape it. The basis for this is socially just and fair structures for all. As a healthcare politician, I am committed to ensuring that access to comprehensive healthcare is guaranteed for all. For me, ensuring a dignified life for older people is a matter of course.

As a social politician, it is important to me that we have an education system that is open to all and aims to meet all needs. For sure the goal of an inclusive society with many opportunities and possibilities, especially for people with disabilities, is a matter close to my heart, which I authentically support within the IPU family.

I would also like to emphasise the importance of cooperation in the economic, environmental and social area, which are so crucial for sustainable development. We should all continue this cooperation in the IPU at various levels and realise how valuable cooperation between people with different backgrounds and conditions is.

At best, our work should interlock like the links in a chain. However, we must not forget that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. So let's make realisable and realistic plans together and find approaches that can work at all levels.

Every person is not only important and of equal value, but can also help us move forward.

Thank you all and lets make important steps into a sustainable future together.