

In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

Honorable Speaker of the Assembly, esteemed guests, distinguished ladies and gentlemen,

Peace and blessings of God be upon you all,

At the outset, I extend the heartfelt greetings and sincere respect of the suffering people of Afghanistan to each and every one of you. I also express my gratitude to the host country and the leadership of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) for organizing this important session and for their warm hospitality.

Today, I am honored to represent the people of Afghanistan and to share their views and concerns with you on this important global platform. As everyone is aware, our country is currently under a regime that does not stem from the free will of the people. The absence of political legitimacy, the lack of elected institutions, and the widespread violations of fundamental human rights have confronted Afghanistan with serious humanitarian and social challenges.

Afghan women, who make up half of our society, are practically deprived of the right to education, employment, and participation in social and political life. These restrictions not only contradict fundamental principles of human rights, but also go against the values for which many of the member states of this esteemed institution have long struggled.

In these circumstances, my request to you—the representatives of the

international community, especially those countries that have maintained diplomatic, trade, and humanitarian relations with the people of Afghanistan—is to support us in achieving the following three vital objectives:

1. Recognition of women’s rights in Afghanistan:

The current authorities in Afghanistan must be urged to acknowledge the fundamental freedoms of women. Afghan women, like women everywhere in the world, deserve access to education, work, and political participation. Sustainable development is not possible without the active presence of women.

2. Appreciation of international support and a call for further cooperation for peace and development in Afghanistan:

Over the past two decades, the presence of the international community—especially NATO forces and the United States—has played a vital role in creating opportunities for growth and development in Afghanistan. During this period, the country witnessed progress in key sectors such as education, healthcare, infrastructure, media freedom, and women’s participation in social and political spheres. These achievements would not have been possible without the generous support of the international community, and we sincerely thank you for that.

Unfortunately, due to a series of internal and regional challenges, the elected government of Afghanistan could not be sustained. However, we believe the path forward must be redefined based on past experiences, genuine cooperation, and respect for the will of the Afghan people. Now more than ever, continued international support is needed to strengthen peace, stability, and an inclusive political process.

3. The past three and a half years presented a valuable opportunity for the Taliban to stand alongside the people of Afghanistan and pave the way for unity and justice. My appeal to the international community is to apply maximum pressure to compel the Taliban to uphold the fundamental rights of the people.

In conclusion, I urge you—especially the United States and the international community—not to let Afghanistan be forgotten once again, for we risk seeing the painful tragedies of terrorism repeated in different parts of the world. Your support can help guide Afghanistan toward democracy and reconstruction.

Past experience has shown that international cooperation can play a crucial role in improving the situation in our country, particularly in the areas of human rights, education, and women's participation. We need your continued support so that Afghanistan may become a secure and democratic nation. **We, along with our partners and colleagues, are fully ready to work alongside the United States and the international community toward a better future, with lasting peace and stability in Afghanistan.**

Let us work together for a brighter and better future for the people of Afghanistan.