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Excellencies Presidents of Parliaments and Heads of Parliamentary Delegations,

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

I wish to convey my sincere greetings and appreciation to all of you, and to express my pleasure at my first participation in the IPU Assembly after I have been honored to chair the Arab Parliament. And at the outset, I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Parliament of the Republic of Uzbekistan for the warm welcome and the good organization of these meetings.

Excellencies,

There is no question that development and social justice have become imperatives for achieving sustainable development in its comprehensive concept and building just societies. The need for social development is increasing now more than ever before, particularly as gaps and inequalities augment both within one society and among countries.

As stated in the concept note on the theme of the general debate of this Assembly, the international community is urgently in need of a new social contract to bring development and justice to all States, and through which the widening gaps between the developing world countries and wealthy countries will be addressed particularly in the field of development.

However, the question that imposes itself upon all of us is how can we achieve development and social justice at the international level while there are still people suffering from the longest and most dangerous occupation known in recent history? And here I am talking about the Palestinian people who are facing a genocidal war and brutal massacres which have so far claimed the lives of more than fifty thousand martyrs, mostly women and children, besides thousands of missing persons.

Excellencies,

When we talk today about realizing development and social justice for the Palestinian people, it may be as a luxury, as we are before a people lacking the simplest reasons of survival, notably as the brutal occupation entity deliberately imposes on the Palestinian people: either the death by bombing and starvation or displacement leaving their homeland and historical territory, both of which constitute crimes against humanity.



The crimes committed by the occupying entity in the State of Palestine have surpassed those of the world's most dangerous terrorist organizations. And as parliamentarians representing the peoples of the free world, we are requested to assume our responsibilities and to break the shameful international silence towards the atrocities to which the Palestinian people are subjected, which are unprecedented in modern history.

The least that we can do today is that our meeting issues a global parliamentary appeal in which we reject and condemn the terrorist crimes committed by the occupying entity against Palestinian civilians, and we support the Palestinian people's right to life and to maintain their land.

And I confirm that championing the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, prior of being a political commitment imposed by all international instruments and norms, is a humanitarian and ethical obligation towards a people who, like all the world's other peoples, have the right to live in security, freedom and stability.

Excellencies,

Before concluding, I would like to emphasize that all the events which the Middle East had witnessed for more than seven decades have proved that reaching a just and comprehensive solution to the Palestinian question based on the establishment of an independent Palestinian State with East Jerusalem as its capital, is the only way for achieving security, stability and peace in the region, and that any attempts to circumvent this solution is bound to fail and would only lead to further chaos and instability.

**Thank you for listening so well,
Peace be upon you**