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**Parliamentary Action for Social Development and Justice**

*Mr. /Madam President,*

*Dear Colleagues*

Before starting my remarks, I should say that unfortunately it is for the third time that multilateral parliamentary diplomacy has failed to support the innocent people of Palestine and condemn the Genocide in the Gaza Strip

At the outset, let me express my deepest gratitude to the Government and Parliament of the Republic of Uzbekistan for the gracious hospitality and excellent organization of the 150 IPU Assembly.

The theme chosen for debate at this Assembly is a matter of great significance for every society from different perspectives and should be placed as the key agenda items of every IPU Member Parliaments and parliamentary organizations.

Unfortunately, rights to social development and justice are being ignored in numerous cases , most particularly at war time condition in the war-ravaged areas, noticeably in respect of women and children.

The clearest example of this situation can be witnessed in the Gaza Strip. It is nearly 18 months that Gaza Strip is facing with war crimes and humanitarian crisis as well as sever devastation of its infrastructure in the aftermath of Israeli's incessant bombardments and mass killings of the innocent civilians which has now been reduced the enclave to rubbles with disparity of all its structural capacity leaving the inhabitant into sheer poverty and displacement.

To this end, we, as parliamentarian should spare no effort to exercise any action within our parliamentary mandate to invigorate parliamentary diplomacy to defuse continuation of the war crimes committed by the Apartheid regime to relocate and displace the innocent people of Palestine under the exertion of unilateral policies conducted by its close allies. The forceful relocation of the Palestinian people and imposition of expansionist policies are currently conducted in the framework of the most extreme contemporary attempt to dehumanize a whole group of people who, they believe, deserve to be exterminated, let alone respect for their human rights and exercise of acts for their social development and justice.

It is under such circumstance that the Asian Parliamentary Assembly, in the context of its mandate as the large parliamentary platform, has expressed its grave concern over the acts of genocide pursued by the Occupying regime to deprive the Palestinians from their right to life as human being.

It is to be underlined that the issue of social development and justice is one of the key agenda items of APA Standing Committee on Economic and Social Development with adoption of several resolutions in this respect to ensure respect for the dignity and value of all human beings and ensure adherence to human rights, particularly the right to development and social justice by legislative and oversight means, ensuring equality of opportunity for all.

Thank you for your attention