

**Distinguished Madam President!**  
**Distinguished Mr. Secretary-General!**  
**Your Excellencies!**  
**Esteemed Colleagues!**

The order of our turbulent world creaks and crackles. Wars, declining trust in international institutions, migration and climate change are becoming increasingly unmanageable, reforms in most multilateral institutions are stalled, and international treaties are becoming increasingly weak guarantees of peace.

According to some interpretations, these processes are caused by an excessive emphasis on state sovereignty. Others, however, see it as the result of steps taken to support an emerging a new world order built on blocs.

I am convinced that it is **not** the remaining state sovereignty that poses a threat to peace and prosperity, but rather the politicization of international institutions and the stalling of reform processes.

Hungary, as one of the ten most open economies in the world has no interest in bloc-building, but it does have an interest in ensuring that international institutions function as channels of communication.

I am convinced that all UN agencies and mechanisms were created for this purpose and I am proud that during its 70 year long membership, my country, Hungary, has contributed to this on numerous occasions, including through our participation in the establishment of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

The survival and effective functioning of the United Nations is in the interest of all of us, which is why the IPU, as the parliamentary dimension of the organisation, must play a decisive role in the development of reforms and in communicating them to the parliaments of the Member States.

**Honourable Ladies and Gentlemen!**

I would like to draw your attention to the words of Pope Leo XIV, shared at the 2nd World Parliamentary Conference on Interfaith Dialogue, "**Now is the time for dialogue and bridge-building.**"

The event from which I quoted served not only to strengthen interfaith dialogue, but also drew the attention of politicians to the necessity of guaranteeing the common good and justice, emphasizing that peace is threatened not only by armed conflicts, but also by social injustice.

Let us embrace this vision – only then can we hope to guarantee peace and prosperity for the world.

Thank you for your kind attention!