

Chair,

distinguished Speakers of parliaments all over the world.

**This** moment presents a **significant threat** to our way of life, development, and the future to all of us.

The humanitarian situation because of conflicts and wars around the world, in Ukraine, in the Middle East, in Africa - **is getting worse**.

**Conflicts lead - to other conflicts.**

The situation in Gaza continues to **spiral**, immediate action is vital. All hostages taken by Hamas have to be released without any delay.

Children, women and men are killed every day and night. It is time to end **this self-destructive behaviour**. There is an urgent need to agree to a ceasefire and supply humanitarian aid at scale.

Dear colleagues, we are at the crossroads - it gives us the chance **to prove** that we stand firmly behind our **values and freedoms**. That we stand **bold** against **terrorists** and **aggressors**.

While we are gathered here in this historic beautiful place, **Russia intensifies attacks on Ukraine** and its people, showing **NO willingness for peace**. Sending its killing drones and missiles to kill civilians.

Incapable of advancing on the ground, they **take revenge** by targeting civilians, residential areas, and civilian infrastructure. Wiping off entire cities from the earth – like Mariupol, Kherson, Volnovakha.

**Russia realizes the crime of aggression right now!**

*After almost 80 years of peace in the European continent, Europeans have to hide in bomb shelters again.*

Russian army has been recklessly attacking **nuclear plants** and **chemical factories** endangering the lives and wellbeing of people **WAY beyond** the territory of Ukraine.

Russia's war has an impact on almost every country represented here, would it be global food crisis, Russia's committed ecocide or their mastered so-called **shadow fleet**.

These days the war is not taking place only in the physical world, but as well in **digital**.

Social media platforms and various technologies **were Weaponised** to disinform, divide, confuse, antagonise and weaken our societies.

Russia **won't be allowed** to go unpunished, otherwise it **will try** to move further.

Make no mistake UKRANE has **many friends** and allies, we WILL continue our support **till justice prevails**.

The Council of Europe has established the **Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine**.

**All war criminals** will be punished, and will be held accountable!

Thank you - Slava Ukraine!