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A WORLD IN TURMOIL: PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION AND MULTILATERALISM FOR PEACE, JUSTICE AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL

1. As we are discussing about parliamentary cooperation and multilateralism for peace, justice and prosperity for all, I find it important to link the debate to the current world events which badly affect ordinary people.
2. Visible evidence points out to a large extent that conflicts and wars affects the ordinary people more than people in power and those that sanction them.
3. Power relation among major actors is negatively sliding the world back into violent conflicts. As a result, innocent civilians pay a heavy price due to conflicts driven by constructed theories, trade, power of weaponry, occupation and conquer mentality.
4. The existing legal frameworks and institutions aimed at stopping and bring about peace and security mainly through the UN Security Council, the UN General Assembly, and the UN Secretariat are openly being ignored.
5. Recent observations of violent armed conflicts and wars present an ugly picture that those with power are not shy to use it to protect their interest or those of their allies.
6. As we are busy with the general debates let us reflect on the impact of these conflicts and wars and do the right thing. Let us think about the economic restrictions endured by so many innocent nations. Let us think about the endless conflicts on African continent and the disturbing visuals of destructions and genocides in various countries.

7. Having said that, allow me to conclude by stating that there is a need to strengthen compliance and enforcement of international laws, multilateralism and self-determination.

I thank you.