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“General Debate – A World in Turmoil: Cooperation and Multilateralism for
Peace, Justice and Prosperity for All”
Statement
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Your Excellency the President,

Honorable Speakers,

Distinguished Delegates,

At the outset, I would like to thank the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the United Nations (UN) for organizing this important conference and express my gratitude for the opportunity to present the views of the Federal Parliament of Nepal.

The theme of this conference, “Parliamentary Cooperation and Multilateralism for Peace, Justice and Prosperity,” aptly reflects the real and timely relevance of international cooperation.

The global community today is being compelled to confront complex realities – intensifying conflicts, trade tensions, economic and social inequalities, existential threats posed by climate change, pandemics, and evolving technologies. This has only amplified the significance of this conference. In essence, the very foundation of multilateralism is under threat.

We, as parliaments and parliamentarians, are not merely representatives of our electorate; we are also vehicles to strengthen international cooperation. I believe that through parliamentary processes, we can incorporate the perspectives of all stakeholders into decision-making, thereby contributing to the creation of a more dynamic and inclusive world.

The concept of "networked global governance" calls for a transformation from traditional diplomatic and international relations models toward an inclusive system that engages all relevant actors. The IPU has long recognized the critical role of parliaments in this vision. We have the reality that, through its parliamentary ecosystems, the IPU has sought to broaden its influence on both domestic and international policies.

Your Excellency, the President,

I wish to reflect on how we, as parliaments, can contribute to the UN-led multilateral system in addressing the complex challenges of our time:

- We must define global governance as a collaborative effort not just involving governments, but also civil society, the private sector, academia, and community organizations. It is vital to prioritize openness and participatory dialogue.
- In today's world, where diverse values, priorities, and interests shape global affairs, building common understanding is a significant challenge. The UN and other intergovernmental institutions must strengthen the legitimacy of multilateralism by resisting the undue influence of powerful organized groups.

One of the key responsibilities of parliaments is to translate international agreements and commitments into domestic policies. However, the reality is that many parliaments are not yet fully engaged in monitoring their governments' international obligations. The IPU's approach to building parliamentary ecosystems required to highlights the need to strengthen the meaningful role of parliaments in global governance.

To make global governance truly effective, inclusion must be at its core. We must ensure the meaningful participation of underrepresented groups, including women, youth, and Indigenous communities, in decision-making processes. Parliaments have a critical role in this effort.

Let us all come together to work for peace, justice, and prosperity for all.

Thank you.