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General Debate

“Parliamentary Cooperation and Multilateralism for Peace, Justice, and Prosperity for All”

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Dear Chairman/Chairwoman

Your Excellencies,
Honorable Speakers,
Distinguished colleagues,
Esteemed participants,

The 6th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament presents a vital opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to the power of parliamentary cooperation and multilateralism as the most effective means to achieve peace, justice, and shared prosperity. Today, I speak to you as a believer in the power of parliamentary cooperation to shape a more stable and equitable world.

Currently, we are witnessing wars that threaten collective security and disinformation that undermines public trust. These are borderless challenges, and our responses must also transcend borders. When parliaments collaborate, multilateralism becomes more meaningful and effective.

North Macedonia has consistently demonstrated a firm commitment to multilateralism as a path to peace, security, and shared development. Its foreign policy and parliamentary actions are firmly rooted in the belief that cooperation across borders, institutions, and ideologies is essential for addressing global challenges.

We have played a stabilizing role in the Western Balkans by engaging constructively with neighbors and solving complex issues through international frameworks. The country actively participates in global and regional organizations, including NATO, which it joined in 2020 to reaffirm its commitment to collective security, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), which it chaired in 2023, navigating complex geopolitical challenges and demonstrating leadership in promoting democratic principles, conflict prevention, human rights, and emphasizing inclusive dialogue and democratic principles across Europe.

The Assembly of North Macedonia actively promotes Inter-Parliamentary relations, recognizing the importance of legislative diplomacy in peacebuilding and international cooperation.

Through parliamentary friendship groups and regional initiatives such as the SEECP and BSEC, we actively engage in dialogue aimed at fostering economic cooperation, stability, and prosperity across Southeastern Europe. These efforts build trust, deepen understanding, and strengthen our role as a reliable partner in the multilateral landscape.

Furthermore, bilateral contacts and high-level delegations have strengthened legislative ties, broadened dialogue, and expanded inter-country understanding. These exchanges demonstrate how parliamentary diplomacy can pave the way for stronger bilateral and regional cooperation.

North Macedonia supports the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in climate action, gender equality, and good governance. Its nationally determined contributions under the Paris Agreement and its transition to clean energy, backed by multilateral climate funds, show its dedication to global environmental targets

Multilateralism is not just a principle for our country; it is a necessity. As a state in a geopolitically sensitive region, it relies on international law, cooperative security, and collective progress to ensure its future. In turn, it contributes constructively, diplomatically, and proactively to building a more peaceful, just, and sustainable world.

Dear colleagues,

Peace depends on parliaments passing anti-hate speech laws and combating extremism through education and social inclusion.

Justice requires empowered oversight bodies, unified standards for judicial independence, and parliamentary budget oversight.

Prosperity needs inclusive and green economies, and clean energy, with parliaments actively monitoring their implementation.

North Macedonia reaffirms its commitment to regional and global multilateralism—not as a peripheral actor, but as a proactive parliament. We vow to continue fostering parliamentary diplomacy, aligning with international partners, and transforming turmoil into opportunity.

Today's conference theme is not rhetorical. It demands legislative action across borders, collective diplomacy, and relentless pursuit of shared values.

Building trust is a demanding but profoundly rewarding endeavor. In a world marked by turmoil, united parliaments serve as the most vital bridge between citizens and the future they deserve. It is not enough to exchange words; responsibility must also be shared.

Thank you for your attention.