



Speech Text

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**Excellencies Speakers of Parliaments and Heads of parliamentary delegations,
Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished audience,**

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

At the outset, I wish to express sincere thanks and appreciation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations for the excellent organization of the proceedings of this Conference which is being held at a critical international moment characterized by increasing turmoil and the absence of equitable solutions to long-lasting conflicts.

Actually, the current state of turmoil that the world is witnessing is the direct result of discriminatory application of international law and the double standard.

In the face of this challenging reality, it is therefore incumbent on us, as parliamentarians, to reaffirm the founding principles of international cooperation following World War II, primarily: respect for international law, achieving justice, protecting the right of peoples to self-determination, and ensuring equal opportunities for development for all peoples of the world.

I hope you will agree with me that the true justice and multilateralism we seek cannot be achieved in the presence of international institutions suffering from dysfunctions in representation and powerlessness in decision-making.

Consequently, we reiterate from this podium that the United Nations system reform, notably the UN Security Council, is no longer an institutional luxury, but rather has become imperative to guarantee fair representation of the diverse peoples of the world, and a precondition for restoring trust in international law and ensuring its fair application.

Excellencies,

In the discussion about a world in turmoil looking for peace and justice, we cannot ignore the fact that depriving a whole people of their legitimate right to self-determination represents a revealing model of the failure of the international system to implement the most elementary principles of justice.

And here I am talking about the Palestinian people, whose right to freedom and to establish their independent state is guaranteed by all the resolutions of international legitimacy, though the international system is still unable to transform these resolutions into a concrete reality, which constitutes a flagrant challenge to multilateralism and justice we are talking about today.



Accordingly, I respectfully request that the final declaration of our conference include a global parliamentary appeal to officially recognize the State of Palestine, and to support the outcomes of the United Nations conference on the two-state solution, co-chaired by Saudi Arabia and France, held in New York.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that parliaments, as representatives of the will of peoples, have ethical and historical responsibilities to rebalance our world in turmoil and establish new rules for a more equitable world, where human dignity is respected, regardless of one's identity, and where the rule of law prevails over the logic of force.

In this context, I, on behalf of the Arab Parliament, call for an initiative under the name "Alliance of Parliaments for Justice Without Discrimination", this open call aims to establish an international parliamentary bloc dedicated to monitoring and documenting cases of discrimination in the application of international law, and submitting annual reports thereon to the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations, serving as a crucial step towards breaking the silence of international institutions in the face of violations of international law, and seeking a reassessment of the concept of justice as a universal right that must be upheld without exceptions or selectivity.

**Thank you for listening so well,
Peace be upon you.**