

## **Excellencies, distinguished colleagues!**

I am honored to address this esteemed assembly on the follow-up actions taken by the Parliament of Azerbaijan regarding the crucial IPU Resolution on Partnerships for climate action. This resolution did more than stated a goal; it issued a clear mandate to parliaments worldwide: from commitment to concrete, legislated action.

Azerbaijan's response has been decisive and deeply integrated with our national priority of building a sustainable, green future, a commitment amplified by our role as host of COP29.

The most tangible follow-up action was the direct integration of parliamentary performance into the global climate diplomacy agenda. In last November, our parliament co-hosted the IPU Parliamentary Meeting during COP29 in Baku. This was not merely a ceremonial event; it was a platform where parliamentarians were tasked with transforming the high-level COP decisions into binding domestic reality.

Institutionally, we have prioritized capacity building. To address the call of the IPU for stronger legislative frameworks, our Parliament hosted high-level parliamentary roundtables during the subsequent Baku Climate Action Week. These discussions focused specifically on strengthening climate laws and institutions necessary for a net-zero transition.

A landmark output of this work was the launch of the Azerbaijani-language edition of the GLOBE Parliamentary Guide on Article 6 and Carbon Markets. This technical toolkit is a practical instrument, directly equipping our members of parliament with the knowledge required to create robust national carbon markets and to scrutinize governmental implementation of most complex provisions of the Paris Agreement.

Furthermore, our legislative oversight has sharpened to support national ambition, particularly concerning renewable energy and emission reduction targets. Our parliamentary committees are now actively reviewing existing laws and initiating new ones to ensure the necessary incentives, regulatory environments and budgetary allocations are in place to triple renewable energy capacity and double energy efficiency, as called by the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

In essence, Parliament of Azerbaijan is following the IPU resolution by leveraging our legislative, budgetary and oversight functions to move past climate pledges and towards climate delivery. We are committed to demonstrating that parliaments are not observers in this crisis, but rather the essential engine of sustainable, legal and accountable climate action.

**Thank you!**