

**ACCEPTANCE SPEECH
BY THE SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM AT THE 151ST ASSEMBLY OF THE
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Excellencies,
Honourable Members of Parliaments,
Ladies and Gentlemen.**

**Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh
and Good Morning.**

It is a great privilege for my delegation and I, to be here in the esteemed city of Geneva, Switzerland at the 151st Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

The Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam is deeply honoured that the Governing Council has approved of our membership in the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Allow me to convey our sincere appreciation to the IPU leadership and esteemed Members for the warm welcome extended to us. This indeed is a proud and historic moment for the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam, as it represents a long-cherished aspiration which is now finally fulfilled.

At a time when our world is constantly dealing with disruptions, and faces many complex challenges that transcend borders, we recognise the vital role of parliamentary diplomacy and collaboration. We therefore pledge to play our part in advancing the principles and objectives of the IPU, for the benefit of our peoples and the international community.

We are fully committed to contributing constructively to the work of the IPU, to learning from the experiences of fellow Members, and to be able to share our own perspectives in the spirit of solidarity and mutual respect. We look forward to beginning fruitful exchanges of knowledge and experience with fellow Member Parliaments.

The IPU aligns with Brunei Darussalam's collective international efforts to advance and promote best practices in governance. Brunei Darussalam looks forward to contributing in meaningful ways to the IPU and together we hope to build a future of peace, stability, and sustainable progress.

Finally, in the enduring spirit of friendship, unity and cooperation, I extend my best wishes for the continued success of the 151st Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Thank you.

Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah,
Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.
