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Excellencies;

Distinguished Parliamentarians and Parliamentary Delegations;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Good morning!

1. I bring you greetings from the citizens and Parliament of the Republic of Kenya.
2. As you are all aware, Kenya is still in the throes of deep grief, following the passing of Rt Hon Raila Amolo Odinga, our former Prime Minister, a long-serving parliamentarian and one of Africa's most inspirational leaders, who was interred last Sunday.
3. In life, Rt Hon Odinga was a true champion of peace and democracy, rule of law and equality; an outstanding defender of human rights and constitutionalism; and an unwavering Pan-Africanist.

4. During his tenure as the African Union High Representative for Infrastructure Development, Raila Amolo Odinga believed in a peaceful, united and interconnected Africa, where citizens moved freely in pursuit of their dreams and livelihoods and where leadership is inspired by accountability, good governance and selfless service.
5. In his passing, we celebrate an icon who tirelessly gave a voice to the voiceless and whose devotion to making the world a better place for humanity, will echo down the ages for generations to come.
6. I thank you all for your individual and collective commiseration with Kenya and Africa at this most difficult and painful moment.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen;

7. Allow me to sincerely commend the Inter-Parliamentary Union for convening this timely discussion framed by the theme: “Upholding Humanitarian Norms and Supporting Humanitarian Action in Times of Crisis” — a theme that resonates deeply with the realities facing our world today.
8. In every region, humanity continues to be tested by conflicts, climate-induced disasters, pandemics, food insecurity, forced displacement, and economic instability. These crises demand not only compassion but also resolute political will and coordinated parliamentary action.
9. In Kenya, we have integrated humanitarian considerations into the national legislative agenda, while diligently deploying Parliamentary Diplomacy. We have enacted laws and established frameworks that strengthen disaster preparedness, facilitate humanitarian assistance, and safeguard the rights of displaced persons and vulnerable communities.

Ladies and gentlemen;

10. In order to consolidate these gains and advance this worthy cause further, the Parliament of Kenya commits to:
 - i) Strengthen domestic laws to align fully with international humanitarian obligations;

- ii) Enhance oversight to ensure that humanitarian aid reaches those most in need;
 - iii) Promote inclusivity by engaging women, youth, and marginalized groups in humanitarian decision-making; and
 - iv) Support diplomatic efforts aimed at upholding the integrity of IHL across all nations.
11. As we deliberate here in Geneva — the cradle of humanitarian action — let us reaffirm our shared responsibility to humanity. The challenges before us transcend borders; so must our solutions.
 12. Through solidarity, multilateral cooperation, and parliamentary leadership, we can build a world that upholds the sanctity of human life even in the darkest of times.

May the spirit of humanity continue to guide our parliaments and our collective actions.

Thank you.

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