

Speech

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**Ladies and gentlemen**

**Distinguished Attendees**

- **In a time of intense turmoil and the challenges are accelerating, world peace remains the cornerstone of the prosperity of peoples and the prosperity of nations. Without peace, economies do not grow, civilizations do not flourish, and man cannot reach his full potential and creativity.**
- Historical experience has shown that the first step on the path to growth is to extinguish the flames of conflict and raise the voice of dialogue and reduce it.
- **In this regard, we welcome the ongoing diplomatic efforts led by the Arab Republic of Egypt, the United States of America and the State of Qatar in the past weeks, which led to the Sharm el-Sheikh Agreement to end the war in Gaza, which was signed last week during the Sharm el-Sheikh Peace Summit.**

- The Sharm el-Sheikh summit proved that the will for dialogue is stronger than the sound of arms. True peace begins with a step in which the humanitarian principle is united by international commitment .
- This courageous initiative is a shining example of what diplomacy and international cooperation can achieve when the will unites to achieve the lofty goal of peace.
- Peace is not just a political agreement, but a system of human values based on justice, mutual respect and a sincere will to build a common future free from fear and destruction. There is no prosperity without stability and no real development without security that protects human dignity.
- The time has come for good words to turn into firm actions and for the latest agreement to be translated into a reality that the citizen can feel in his security, dignity and livelihood. Supporting stability in our region is support for world peace itself, and it is a direct investment in a common human future of understanding, not conflict.

- **The Sharm el-Sheikh Agreement not only ends a war, but also opens the doors to a just and lasting peace in the Middle East and to sustainable prosperity, growth and prosperity, and creates new opportunities for trade, investment, education and technology, promoting regional integration and upholding the highest human values that bring us all together under one umbrella, peace for human beings**
- **We express our deep appreciation for the active role of President Donald Trump, who has restored peace to a dynamic dimension based on action, not waiting, initiative, not hesitation.**
- **We also express our sincere appreciation to President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, who, with his balanced vision, embodied Egypt's historic commitment to safeguarding regional security, supporting political solutions, and being the voice of wisdom in times of division.**
- **From the podium of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, we send a unified parliamentary message to the leaders of the two friendly countries – President Sisi and President Trump:**  
  
**" We appreciate your efforts and call on them to continue to lead the peaceful path until the full terms of the road map are realized, in order to achieve the aspirations of our peoples for peace, justice and prosperity."**

- We salute the leaders who gathered in Sharm el-Sheikh to affirm that peace is not a slogan but a commitment, and that the responsibility for activating this agreement lies with the entire international community, to ensure the beginning of a new phase of the reconstruction of Gaza, which restores the Palestinian people's right to life and dignity, and the region's balance and stability
- We call on the Israeli and Palestinian parties to abide by the principles of the agreement, to respect its commitments, and to work together in a spirit of responsibility and cooperation so that a historic opportunity to build a secure and prosperous Middle East is not lost.
- Preserving what was achieved in Sharm el-Sheikh is an international, political and moral duty, as any delay in the implementation of this agreement is a postponement of peace and a prolongation of the tragedy of the innocent. Today, we say with one voice enough destruction and death, and let the battle of construction and development begin.
- Let this agreement be a step on the road to the establishment of two states and open a new page of cooperation and human prosperity that is beneficial to all. Peace by which the earth is built and not destroyed, and by which souls are built and not broken.

- The role of parliaments today is not to observe events from afar, but to participate in the making of history by supporting the peace process through legislation and policies that make stability a permanent rule rather than a temporary exception.

**On behalf of the UfM Parliamentary Assembly, we reaffirm our full commitment to support efforts to implement the road map and to sustain the dialogue among peoples.**

**We call on all the world's parliaments to work together to:**

- 1) **Broad international parliamentary mobilization to stabilize the peace process,** support the implementation of the terms of the agreement, monitor the parties' commitment to a permanent ceasefire, facilitate the entry of humanitarian and relief aid into Gaza, and ensure the protection of civilians in accordance with international humanitarian law.
- 2) **Affirming that true peace means respect for human dignity and the** implementation of international law holistically, not selectively, in order to ensure lasting stability in the Middle East.

- 3) **Renewing the principled parliamentary position in support of the Palestinian people and their inalienable right to self-determination.** There can be no stability in the Middle East unless the Palestinian people have their full rights to freedom, self-determination and the establishment of their independent State on the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital.
- 4) **Ensure a rapid transition from the first phase to the next in order to begin reconstruction** , improve people's lives, and deploy international forces that provide security for the Palestinians and ensure a full Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.
- 5) **We look forward to broad international participation in the reconstruction conference for the Gaza Strip, which will be organized by Egypt next month** in order to mobilize the necessary funding for reconstruction.
- 6) **We urge the international community to continue its efforts to recognize the Palestinian state and to obtain full membership in the United Nations.** Stop Israeli actions in the West Bank that undermine the chances of implementing the two-state solution.

## **Ladies and gentlemen**

**The political solution is the only way to security, stability and cooperation in the Middle East, because wars and occupation do not achieve peace or security, but rather fuel the cycle of hatred and violence.**

**The peoples are tired of wars and want a just peace that will bring security and stability to all the countries of the region and the world.**

**We have a historic opportunity that should not be missed in the presence of the current strong American leadership that has the will and the ability to achieve peace and end wars in the world, not just in the Middle East.**

## **Ladies and gentlemen**

**Our world today does not need a new description of its crises, but a new will to address them.**

**We have reached a turning point in human history, where economic choices are no longer just tools for growth, but decisions that determine the fate of peace, the concept of justice, and the limits of human dignity.**

**The North-South divide is no longer just income inequality, but a rift in global stability. Unbalanced growth breeds global fragility, and poverty, marginalization and inequality of opportunity are the seeds that sprout conflicts and destabilize nations.**

**Recent crises—from pandemics to trade wars, climate change, and debt shocks—have demonstrated that the world needs a new international economic order based on the principle of equality between North and South. This order reaffirms the notion that humanity's destiny is shared and that the prosperity of one country cannot be fully realized by the misery of another. It recognizes the right of developing countries to an equal partnership that allows them equitable access to technology, development financing, and trade liberalization from discriminatory measures.**

## **Ladies and gentlemen**

**At this moment when the world needs a voice that balances justice and realism, between growth and sustainability, I would like to offer ten recommendations to build a more just, equitable and sustainable global economy, one that puts people, not capital, at the center.**

**These recommendations are not theoretical slogans, but rather a parliamentary commitment that translates the will of the peoples into justice in opportunities, security in livelihood, and dignity in development. It is a call to leaders, governments and international institutions to make economic justice the focus of international decision-making, not its margins, and the human being is the criterion of success, not its numbers.**

**We put forward these recommendations as a moral and political basis for the new global economy and for a common future on a clear basis: no stability with injustice, no growth with marginalization, and no peace without a balanced human economy.**

- 1) Let man be the center of the economy: make man the end of politics and not its means, for the dignity of the peoples is the most precious property of nations.**
- 2) Judge by justice, not by interests: justice is the basis of power, and an economy without equity becomes a burden on world peace.**
- 3) Turn competition into partnership: a fair economy is not based on rivalry but on responsible cooperation between countries to protect both resources and the future.**
- 4) Make the environment part of the equation: no development without an ecological balance, no legitimate investment if it harms the elements of life we share.**
- 5) Reform the global financial system: It's time to ease the debt burden on poor countries and direct loans to production, not consumption.**
- 6) Invest in man before structure: minds are the greatest infrastructure and education is the pillar of true economic independence.**

- 7) **Fight financial and tax corruption internationally:** there is no financial justice without transparency, and there is no real development in light of evasion and monopoly.
- 8) **Equip the Global South: Make** free trade truly fair, and allow emerging markets to grow in a fair environment that ensures a level playing field.
- 9) **Give women and youth a seat of leadership:** societies that block half their energy cannot rise; and the future belongs to those who unleash the potential of all without discrimination.
- 10) **Fight the monopoly of knowledge.** Knowledge is a universal human right, not the property of a state or a company.

## **Ladies and gentlemen**

**I would like to conclude with part of President El-Sisi's speech at the Sharm el-Sheikh Peace Summit:**

**" Peace is not made by governments alone, but by people when they are sure that yesterday's adversaries can become tomorrow's partners. "**

**Thank you**