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Distinguished Parliamentarians,

Secretary-General Martin Chungong, my congratulations and best wishes as you conclude your mandate later this year.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am pleased to convey my warm greetings as you gather in Istanbul for the 152nd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Türkiye has long been a meeting point of continents, cultures, and ideas.

And bridge-building is also at the heart of the mission of the IPU.

As a former parliamentarian myself, I know you are connectors.

You connect citizens to institutions.

National priorities to global responsibilities.

And the choices we make today to the lives of future generations.

That role has never been more vital.

We are living through profound geopolitical tensions, widening inequalities, eroding trust, and immense human suffering.

Here in this region and beyond, conflicts are exacting an unbearable toll on civilians, while deepening instability at every level.

This moment demands dialogue, de-escalation, and full respect for international law.

It also demands that we confront the global inequality emergency – by reforming the international financial architecture, making it more representative, more inclusive, and better aligned with the realities of today’s economy.

It demands ensuring that technology – including Artificial Intelligence – is a bridge to opportunity and inclusion, not a driver of new inequalities.

And it demands bridges for climate action – connecting ambition with implementation, and ensuring solidarity with those on the frontlines who have done the least to cause the crisis.

On all these issues and more, thank you for your leadership and commitment.

Together, let us keep advancing the aims of this Assembly – nurturing hope, strengthening peace, and ensuring justice for present and future generations.

Thank you.