

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Honourable Speaker, distinguished members of the delegations, and esteemed parliamentarians,

It is a privilege to address you today within the framework of this Inter-Parliamentary meeting on the important theme, "Nurturing Hope, Securing Peace, and Ensuring Justice for Future Generations"—a theme that aptly reflects the fundamental needs of the people of Afghanistan under present circumstances.

For nearly five years, Afghanistan has been navigating a unique, complex, and sensitive situation. Our people continue to face significant economic, social, and humanitarian challenges. Diminishing employment opportunities, restricted access to essential services, and the growing vulnerability of various segments of society are among the pressing realities that demand serious attention. In such a context, adopting a pragmatic, engagement-oriented approach focused on identifying workable solutions is not merely desirable, but essential.

Distinguished participants,

The progress and stability of any society are intrinsically linked to access to fundamental opportunities—foremost among them, education. Ensuring access to education for all segments of society, including girls, is not only a basic necessity but also a cornerstone of sustainable development and national self-reliance. Expanding access to quality education can play a pivotal role in poverty reduction, human capital development, and the strengthening of social trust.

Equally critical is the improvement of the population's economic conditions. Job creation, support for the private sector, and the provision of a conducive environment for investment are key measures that can enhance livelihoods. In this regard, regional and international cooperation in support of Afghanistan's economy will be both constructive and indispensable.

With respect to peace, Afghanistan's experience clearly demonstrates that sustainable peace is built upon mutual understanding, inclusive participation, and respect. A peace process that embraces all segments of society can lay the foundation for lasting stability. National institutions play a decisive role in fostering trust, promoting cohesion, and advancing

meaningful national dialogue.

In the domain of justice, strengthening the rule of law, ensuring transparency, and guaranteeing equitable access to fundamental rights are among the foremost priorities. Justice is realized when all members of society—without exclusion or marginalization—recognize themselves as integral to the national fabric.

Dear colleagues,

The role of women in Afghan society, as in all societies, is both significant and undeniable. Given the current context, creating appropriate conditions for the gradual and meaningful participation of women in educational, social, and economic spheres can contribute substantially to social cohesion and accelerate development.

At the same time, migration remains another major challenge affecting not only Afghanistan but the wider region. Millions of Afghan citizens, both within the country and abroad, are confronted with difficult circumstances. Addressing their needs requires sustained cooperation and durable solutions.

Distinguished colleagues,

In recent years, new opportunities have emerged at both regional and international levels to improve Afghanistan's situation. Effectively leveraging these opportunities depends on strengthening trust, dialogue, and mutual understanding among all stakeholders. While challenges persist, we firmly believe that the only viable path forward lies in continued constructive engagement and in advancing the rights of all citizens.

In this context, the Inter-Parliamentary Union can play a meaningful and effective role by facilitating dialogue, building bridges of cooperation, and strengthening partnerships among nations.

In closing, allow me to reiterate that achieving a future grounded in peace, justice, and hope requires collective effort, flexibility, and mutual understanding. Let us work together, in a spirit of responsibility and cooperation, to create conditions in which future generations can live in a more stable and hopeful world.

Thank you for your attention.