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Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

Madam President, Honourable Speakers, Heads of delegations, and fellow parliamentarians.

Ladies and gentlemen.

Assalamualaikum Warrahmatullahi Wabarkatuh.

And good afternoon.

1. I am thankful for the opportunity to deliver a statement at the 152nd General Assembly on behalf of Brunei Darussalam and its Legislative Council, the first time since our admission to IPU in the last General Assembly. We would like to thank the government of Republic of Turkiye for the warm hospitality extended to us since we arrive in this lovely city of Istanbul.
2. As a small nation, we are guided by enduring values that uphold compassion and justice, and respects for human dignity. As a member of ASEAN, we are committed to regional solidarity, mutual respects and consensus-building / principles that have maintained stability in our region for decades.
3. The theme before us- Nurturing Hope, Securing Peace and Ensuring Justice for Future Generations- is both timely and imperative. It reminds us that as Parliamentarians we have a shared responsibility, as stewards and guardians of both present and future. We are entrusted not only with governance but also safeguarding the future.
4. Under the wise leadership of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, our nation remains steadfast in fostering peace, promoting social harmony, and advancing sustainable development.

5. In this regard, the Legislative Council plays a pivotal role in upholding transparency and accountability in governance. This is reflected in our rigorous budget deliberations, our oversight of ministerial responsibilities and our comprehensive discussion on our long-term national Vision - Wawasan Brunei 2035. Through these efforts, we reaffirm our commitment to good governance and to ensuring that development is inclusive and future-looking.

Distinguished colleagues,

6. To nurture hope, we invest in people, especially our youth. In Brunei we place strong emphasis on their education and well-being, with development that is inclusive and anchored in values. For us, hope comes when individuals feel secure, and empowered to contribute to society, when institutions are trusted, when governance is transparent, and when progress is shared equitably among all.
7. To secure peace, we must remain committed to mutual respects, dialogue and non- violence. Peace is not only the absence of conflict, it is the presence of justice, mercy and dignity.
8. As parliamentarians, we must uphold the sanctity of human life and address the root causes of instability. In ASEAN we have demonstrated that dialogue, cooperation, and respects for diversity can serve as powerful tools for maintaining peace.

Madam President,

9. Brunei Darussalam firmly believes in the importance of diplomacy and dialogue as the primary means of resolving differences. In a world increasingly marked by division, our collective commitment to peace must remain unwavering.
10. But we cannot speak of peace today without acknowledging the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. The continued loss of innocent lives, of women and children in Gaza and in the occupied territories, is deeply distressing and unacceptable.

11. As members of the international community, we must not remain silent in the face of such humanitarian crises. We must call for immediate cessation of violence, the protection of civilians, and unimpeded humanitarian access to those in urgent need.
12. Peace cannot endure without justice, and justice cannot prevail without compassion.
13. To ensure justice for future generations, we must act with foresight and responsibility. Justice extends beyond legal frameworks, it encompasses social equity, environmental stewardship, and economic sustainability.

Excellencies, Honourable delegates.

14. The 152nd General Assembly is convened at a most difficult time in international relations. Apart from the continuing atrocities in Gaza, the Middle East is also in a state of war as the result of US-Israel aggression on Iran. The war risks triggering a dangerous spiral of violence with severe repercussions for the region and beyond. We urge all parties to the conflict to exercise maximum restraint and to immediately cease further hostilities.
15. We hope, as Parliamentarians, we will play our collective role to search for peaceful resolutions. It is not only to bring an end to the conflict but also to address the humanitarian issues that arise as the results of the conflict.
16. Brunei Darussalam believes in multilateralism and rules-based international order. Under the framework of parliamentary diplomacy, we can and we need to work together to strengthen collaboration and to foster constructive dialogue to end the conflict.

Thank you Madam President.