

Distinguished Chair,
Dear Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure to attend the 152nd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the beautiful city of Istanbul. I would like to thank our Turkish host and IPU for all the thoughtful arrangements. In today's world, against the backdrop of sweeping changes unseen in a century, blatant acts of unilateralism, hegemony and bullying and sustained geopolitical turmoil have dealt a serious blow to economic globalization and given rise to a multitude of risks and challenges. That said, the pursuit of peace and development which underpins our times, the call by the international community for fairness and justice and the aspiration by all peoples for a better life have nonetheless persevered. In order to achieve sustainable development for the sake of succeeding generations, all countries must join hands to ensure international peace and stability and build towards fair and just global governance. In the greater interest of the future for humanity and global trends, President Xi Jinping of China has put forward the Global Governance Initiative, supported and echoed by over 150 countries and international organizations in swift response. It offers

China's solution to global governance improvement, helping address prominent issues of the present with valuable insights. Regarding the implementation of the Global Governance Initiative and the safeguarding of international peace and justice, China would like to offer the following suggestions.

First, uphold sovereign equality and identify the common denominator in global governance. At present, peace, development and win-win cooperation continue to forge ahead. Efforts must be redoubled to prevent the world from returning to hegemonism and the law of the jungle. All countries, regardless of their size, strength or wealth, are entitled to equal-footed participation, decision making and benefit sharing in global governance, with the right contribution and in the right place. No country should ever be left behind.

Second, abide by international rule of law and safeguard international justice. The only order in our world should be the one underpinned by international law. All countries should adhere to the purpose and principles of the UN Charter and basic norms of international relations and should refrain from selective application of

international law out of expediency with double standards.

Third, pursue multilateralism and maintain the central role of the UN. As an important legacy of the global victory over Fascism, the United Nations should be reinvigorated first and foremost to reform and improve global governance. It is our duty to make the UN stronger and better, keeping in mind no one has any right to weaken or even dismantle it. Genuine multilateralism should be practiced with the UN at the center stage whereby global affairs are to be determined through consultations and global rules made by all countries.

Four, promote a people-centered approach while ensuring participation by all peoples. It is the people who make history and drive the world forward. Countries should work together to preserve peace and tranquility, strive for development in the interest of the people, push for inter-civilization exchanges and mutual learning, and endeavor to constantly enhance the level of gains, security and happiness for all peoples.

Five, focus on actions to rally behind necessary reforms. Global governance can only be improved through concrete actions rather than lip service. Ideas and plans should be implemented in real earnest with a sustained momentum. Guided by targets, all interested parties should proceed topic by topic and package by package in the reform process aiming for tangible progress.

Dear colleagues,

As representatives and voices of the people, legislative bodies are dutybound and well-positioned to leverage rule of law to safeguard and energize international solidarity and cooperation and global governance reform and improvement, so as to play a positive role in shaping a new paradigm of international relations and building a shared future for humanity. Last month, the Fourth Session of the 14th National People's Congress reviewed and approved the Outline of the 15th Five-Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development of the People's Republic of China, which highlights high-quality development, broader and deeper opening-up and the implementation of the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative,

the Global Civilization Initiative, and the Global Governance Initiative, and the vision of a shared future for mankind. The Fifteenth Five-Year Plan serves not only as a blueprint for the Chinese path to modernization but also as an invitation extended to all countries in the quest for modernization for all. While on our way to modernization, greater strength and national rejuvenation in all fields of endeavor, China will consistently provide the turbulent world with certainty and invaluable positive energy.

The National People's Congress of China stands ready to work with legislators all over the world to constantly deepen experience sharing and mutual learning with regard to legislative and governance practices, push for more in-depth and substantive international cooperation in all aspects, help IPU play a greater role in global governance and uphold international justice so as to make the world a better place of hope for generations to come.

Thank you all.