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Honourable President Ackson,

Honourable Speaker Kurtulmuş,

Distinguished colleagues, ladies and gentlemen

We gather here in Istanbul at a time when the world, more than ever, needs a clear voice of reason. The theme of our assembly – nurturing hope and securing peace – is not merely a diplomatic slogan.

It is a direct appeal to us, the lawmakers, who represent billions of people for whom peace is the fundamental condition of existence.

Peace is not merely the absence of war.

True peace is a state where international law and stability are not the privilege of the strong, but the guaranteed right of every sovereign state. As parliamentarians, we hold a tool more powerful than weapons: the law, diplomacy, and dialogue.

Our parliaments must be the pillars that actively protect and support this peace.

I stand here as a representative of the Czech Republic. In the 20th century, our country learned firsthand the tragic consequences of peace being sacrificed to aggressive interests and the collapse of international rules.

This historical experience has taught us that peace is indivisible and that maintaining it requires the courage to identify threats and stand up for the territorial integrity of all states.

We believe that parliamentary diplomacy is the key to de-escalating tensions. The Czech Republic is actively involved in stabilizing crisis regions because we know that building peace does not end with the signing of agreements; it begins with daily work on security and mutual trust.

What path to peace do we offer?

Peace built on law: Without respect for borders and enforceable rules, peace will always remain a fragile illusion.

Peace built on dialogue: In an era of global polarization, we must never stop talking. Diplomacy must continue even where opinions differ.

Peace built on stability: Conflicts often stem from a lack of certainty. A predictable environment and economic cooperation are the best preventions of future wars.

Distinguished colleagues, peace is not a passive state that occurs on its own. Peace is an active discipline that we must practice every day through our political decisions.

Let us work together to ensure that a just peace is not an unreachable dream for future generations, but a lasting reality.

Thank you for your attention.

As a Head of the Permanent Delegation of Czech republic to the IPU and on behalf of my colleagues I would like to sincerely thank Turkey and the organizers of the 152nd IPU Assembly for the excellent organization and incredible hospitality. You made us feel truly at home.

Thank you very much. Teşekkür ederim.