

## **Speech for IPU Assembly – Istanbul**

Dear colleagues,

Let me ask a simple question:

What kind of world do we want?

A world of rules?

Or a world where power decides?

Because after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, this is no longer a theory.  
It is reality.

If we accept this, we send a clear message:  
Force works.

And if force works, rules do not.

This is not only about Ukraine.  
It is about every country in this room.

Big or small.  
East or West.

No country is safe if borders can be changed by force.

Colleagues,

Silence is not neutral.  
Silence is a choice.

And “business as usual” is not peace.  
It is acceptance.

We must be honest:  
Without consequences, there are no rules.

And without rules, there is no trust.

We do not need stronger words.  
We need stronger action.

Not because we want conflict,  
but because we want peace that lasts.

Peace without rules is not peace.  
It is just a break.  
As parliamentarians in IPU, we have power.

We can support Ukraine.  
We can demand accountability.  
We can defend our institutions.

Step by step.  
Decision by decision.

Dear colleagues,

History is watching us.

Not what we say—  
but what we do.

So let us be clear.  
Let us be firm.  
Let us defend the rules that protect us all.

Because if we do not stand up today,  
it will be harder tomorrow.

Thank you.