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**“Nurturing hope, securing peace and ensuring justice for future generations”**

The world is heading in a very dangerous direction. Armed conflicts, cyberattacks, and geo-economic confrontations are making many people feel uncertain of their future.

Contemporary conflicts, including the ongoing war in Ukraine following Russia’s aggression, illustrate how wars are never confined to their immediate geography.

The global economy is a system of interconnected vessels, and it is often difficult for an individual state to shield itself from the consequences of a conflict in which it is not even directly involved.

An example is the current situation in the Middle East, which is generating significant turbulence in the oil market and affecting many countries, even those not directly dependent on supplies from that region.

Their consequences spread far beyond regional borders, affecting countries across Africa, Asia and the whole world, through disrupted food supply chains, rising energy prices, and heightened economic uncertainty.

Democratic countries have not yet provided responses to current threats that satisfy the majority of their citizens. Global spending on the military continues to reach successive record highs, placing an increasing burden on state budgets.

These are not the only causes for concern.

In the face of rising temperatures, collapsing ecosystems, and increasingly frequent extreme weather events, conditions for food production and water accessibility are becoming harder to reach.

The growing number of migrants and displaced persons will pose new challenges for migration policy and social welfare systems.

Young people are conscious and engaged citizens, ready for social and political participation.

They often feel a lack of representation and limited influence over law making process.

They experience anxiety related to the unstable geopolitical situation and are deeply concerned about the state of the environment and the consequences of climate change.

They value democratic freedoms, yet they also bring their own perspectives and expectations for the future.

We, as parliamentarians, have a particular responsibility to effectively reach the younger generation.

We must ensure that they become active partners in our goals and actions.

It is essential not only to listen to young people, but also to involve them in decision-making processes at all levels.

Regrettably, we must speak with clarity and conviction: our efforts are falling short, and the cost of this failure is being borne above all by the youngest generation.

Ongoing conflicts—most notably the continued aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, alongside the war in the Middle East—are not distant crises.

They are immediate, devastating realities that claim innocent lives, shatter futures, and expose children to violence, fear, and irreversible loss.

This not just theory these are real tragedies, and they reveal a profound failure to uphold our most basic responsibility—to protect the young.

The consequences extend far beyond borders, affecting even those nations not directly involved, and deepening global instability.

If we are serious about nurturing hope and securing peace, then the protection of young people must become our uncompromising priority.

This requires not only words, but decisive action—firm in its principles, consistent in its application, and unyielding in the face of aggression and injustice.

What kind of generation will be shaped from children who live in constant fear of their lives—who are afraid to step outside, afraid for their families and loved ones?

We must do everything within our power to bring about an immediate ceasefire and an end to armed conflicts. We must step up our efforts to protect the environment and the climate, so that our children can live and thrive in a safe world. For the future of our children must stand above all else—because it is they, who embody the future itself.