



NURTURING HOPE, SECURING PEACE AND ENSURING JUSTICE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

- **Your Excellency the President,**
- **Dear Colleagues,**

1. Good afternoon.

2. On behalf of the Parliament of Rwanda, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Parliament of Türkiye, for the successful organization of this Assembly!

3. The theme of the Assembly namely “***Nurturing Hope, Securing Peace, and Ensuring Justice for Future Generations***” is important. This theme, not only reflects on the challenges of our present time, but also reminds us of our shared responsibility to build a more peaceful world for the future generations.



▪ **Dear Colleagues,**

4. Thirty-two years ago, Rwanda endured the darkest chapter in its history, the Genocide against the Tutsi. The country was close to becoming a failed state, the hope for the future generation seemed almost extinguished. However, with the visionary leadership, we embarked on a journey of rebuilding unity, peace and justice. We established strong and accountable public institutions and inclusive governance. We restored the rule of law, and fostered democratic practices that focus on citizen participation.
5. We recognized **our national values** as the guiding principles that define “**who we are**”. Traditional mechanisms were re-designed to provide homegrown solutions to our unique challenges. Rwanda has invested in political and practical solutions that cemented stability, and built an inclusive and a united society.
6. In light to this, allow me to highlight only the following:
 - The Education for all policy empowers youth with access to various opportunities in the country and abroad. Youth are



today among leaders in decision making organs up to the Parliament;

- Gender equality is becoming the norm. Men and women participate both in all instances of decision making up to the Parliament. In fact, 63.8% of the MPs are Female in Our Chamber of Deputies;

7. In this journey, the Parliament of Rwanda plays a critical role, through its legislative function and oversight of government activities.

8. Before I conclude, let's remind us, as Parliamentarians, that we should ensure that government policies and programs are designed to advance peace, uphold justice, foster inclusiveness, and inspire hope for current and future generation.



Dear Colleagues,

9. To conclude, allow me to take this opportunity to put upright the statement made by the representative of DRC's Parliament with regard to my country Rwanda:

- i. I recall once again that there is an internal conflict between the Government of DRC and the Congolese movement called M23/AFC. As a matter of fact, there are ongoing peace talks between the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) government and the M23/AFC, shifted from Qatar to Switzerland;
- ii. The Washington peace agreement between Rwanda and DRC, recognized DRC backed-FDLR as a threat to Rwanda. Therefore, DRC must dismantle FDRL, an armed group responsible for killing more than one million innocent people during the genocide against the Tutsi in the 1994, in Rwanda.
- iii. Let's implement this Washington Peace agreement instead of taking the precious time of this assembly.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION