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**In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful,**

- **Her Excellency Tulia ACKSON, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union,**
- **His Excellency Numan KURTULMUS, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye,**
- **Honorable Speakers of Parliament, Distinguished Colleagues,**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is a profound honor for us to be present in your beautiful city of “Istanbul” to participate in this session. On this occasion, we are pleased to greet this distinguished assembly, and on behalf of **M<sup>r</sup>. Brahim Bouderbala, Speaker of the Assembly of People's Representatives of the Republic of Tunisia**, and on behalf of Members of the Tunisian Delegation, I would like to address our sincerest expressions of gratitude and appreciation to all those responsible for organizing this session of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, in cooperation with the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye.

**Honorable M<sup>s</sup>. President,**

**Distinguished Colleagues,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Our general debate which focuses on the overall theme "**Nurturing hope, securing peace and ensuring justice for future generations**" coincides unfortunately with violent armed conflicts that have afflicted numerous regions and escalated in intensity recently. It is evident that these international events, which have deepened tensions in global relations, require us today, as Representatives of our peoples, to revive the noble principles upon which our venerable parliamentary organization was founded: namely, the establishment of peace and security by consecrating dialogue and mediation as the primary means to resolve disputes instead of wars.

The international situation is undoubtedly highly critical to the verge of exploding despite repeated calls issued by my country for serious and effective action at the bilateral level and within regional and international parliamentary organizations, foremost among them the IPU. We must remain fully committed to international law and humanitarian standards to confront blatant violations of the United Nations Charter and ensure the activation of diplomatic mechanisms, thereby consolidating the foundations of security, stability, peace, and sustainable development in our world.

**Honorable M<sup>s</sup>. President,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

While war is a phenomenon in constant evolution, how can International Humanitarian Law and the Charter of the United Nations remain static, without revising their provisions to adapt to these transformations and to prevent shortcomings in the effective protection they are intended to afford to victims of armed conflicts?

Furthermore, how can the United Nations Security Council, which in its **Resolution 1674 (2006)**, emphasized that “development, peace, security and human rights are interlinked and mutually reinforcing”, refrain from undertaking the necessary reviews and reforms, at a time when the Zionist entity has plunged the Middle East into a large-scale spiral of war, persisting in its disregard for international legitimacy and advancing a narrow interpretation of the concept of self-defense in accordance with its own interests, in flagrant violation of the rules of international law and in grave neglect of the imperatives of humanitarian action in contemporary theatres of war, thereby portending the risk that the humanitarian system, indeed the international order as a whole, may approach a point of collapse.

Tunisia follows with profound anxiety and deep concern the escalating military tensions currently unfolding in the Middle East, noting with grave concern the risk of a regional descent into systemic instability and chaos. Such developments represent a significant threat to both regional peace and international security. In this critical hour, Tunisia reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the principle of state sovereignty and categorically condemns all acts of aggression against the territorial integrity of any nation. We further denounce the violation of international borders, the subversion of security, and the targeting of civilian populations. In this vein, we express our absolute solidarity with our Brotherly Arab Nations whose territories have been compromised. We call for the consolidation of fraternal ties and the upholding of good-neighborly relations, predicated upon mutual respect and a steadfast adherence to the principles enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

**Honorable M<sup>s</sup>. President,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

We pose a fundamental question to the distinguished parliamentarians and defenders of global democracy convened here today: Can the themes of our current deliberations retain their moral and practical integrity in the shadow of the systematic and grave violations of

international law being perpetrated against the Palestinian people infants, children and the elderly? We must ask whether the protections afforded to 'future generations' are applied selectively, effectively excluding an entire segment of humanity from the fundamental rights to security, peace and justice. In this context, we must critically examine the role of the United Nations Security Council: How can it turn a blind eye to the documented commission of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes against the most vulnerable, Babies and Children, who are the very embodiment of the future we claim to protect?

We reaffirm Tunisia's principled and steadfast position in support of the just cause of the Palestinian people and our unconditional support for their struggle to recover their legitimate rights, foremost of which is the right to establish an independent, fully sovereign state on all Palestinian land with **"Al-Quds Al-Sharif"** as its Capital. We also express our full solidarity with Brotherly Lebanon in the face of the Zionist aggression targeting its sovereignty, security and stability.

**Honorable M<sup>s</sup>. President,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Tunisia, which takes pride in the bonds of brotherhood that unite it with its siblings on the Arab and Islamic levels and stemming from its commitment to the rules of international law and the principle of peaceful dispute resolution and the respect for the United Nations Charter, calls upon all parties to immediately cease military operations. We urge the triumph of wisdom, a return to the table of dialogue and the adoption of peaceful means to avoid further escalation, spare blood of innocents and preserve resources of the peoples of the region.

In addition, as far as the National level is concerned, we must emphasize that Tunisia is moving forward in completing its Democratic Transition and building its permanent and effective Constitutional Institutions, embodying the principles of the **2022** Constitution. We also renew our Country's commitment to protecting Human Rights in their comprehensive and

universal dimensions and consolidating public and individual freedoms for all citizens within the framework of respect for the Country's laws and national sovereignty. We are working tirelessly to harness all the Country's capabilities to achieve comprehensive and sustainable development for all segments of our people, in accordance with the principles of social justice, thereby sowing hope for our future generations for a promising future and strengthening their confidence in their Country.

**Thank you for your kind attention.**

**Peace, mercy and blessings of God be upon you.**