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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Alsalamu Aleikum

At the outset, I am pleased to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the friendly Republic of Türkiye—its government and people—for the warm welcome and generous hospitality, and to the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Grand National Assembly for their excellent preparation and organization of this conference.

It gives me great pleasure to address you today at an Assembly that has chosen for its general debate a theme of profound significance and relevance: *“Nurturing hope, safeguarding peace, and ensuring justice for future generations.”*

This theme does not merely express an aspiration for the future; it encapsulates a deeply rooted approach that has guided the policy of the United Arab Emirates since its founding—an approach grounded in the promotion of tolerance, the strengthening of coexistence, and the championing of peace as a strategic choice.

However, hope, peace, and justice for future generations cannot be preserved through slogans alone. They require a clear and principled stance against all those who threaten the sovereignty of states, destabilize regional security, and transform international waterways into instruments of pressure and coercion.

Indeed, the most telling indication in this regard is that the international conscience itself is no longer able to view such acts as isolated incidents within an ongoing conflict. Rather, they are now recognized—as reflected in the positions of international legitimacy, including United Nations Security Council Resolution 2817 (2026) and Human Rights Council Resolution 38 (2026)—as violations that strike at the very foundations of the system meant to uphold sovereignty, protect civilians, guarantee freedom of navigation, and prevent the use of force as a tool of political and economic blackmail.

Excellencies,

What the United Arab Emirates, the Gulf states, and indeed the entire world face today is not a transient escalation, but a recurring pattern of direct and proxy Iranian aggressive behavior. This behavior—brutal, unjustified, and unlawful—targets civilian objects and facilities, including airports, ports, energy installations, critical civilian

infrastructure, desalination plants, food security centers, industrial facilities, and many other civilian assets.

These practices have not stopped there; they have extended to obstructing freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz, through which nearly one-fifth of the world's energy trade passes, along with fertilizers essential to global agriculture, particularly for countries of the Global South.

The danger lies not only in what has occurred, but in what may become acceptable if such actions are met with complacency or disregard. Should the world come to believe that threatening states or disrupting international waterways can be used as leverage to improve political or negotiating positions, we would have established a dangerous precedent—one in which illegitimacy is normalized and established rules are replaced by *faits accomplis*.

From this standpoint, while the United Arab Emirates has welcomed the truce between the United States and Iran and continues to follow the ongoing negotiation process, it emphasizes that any settlement cannot achieve legitimacy or sustainability unless it takes into account the rights and concerns of affected states, in a manner that ensures a genuine balance between the imperatives of peace and the requirements of security and stability.

Excellencies,

The closure of the Strait of Hormuz is not merely a disruption of an international maritime passage; it constitutes reckless coercion and aggressive behavior—a deliberate strangulation of a vital artery of the global economy, energy security, and international stability.

International maritime corridors are not subject to the will of any single party, nor should the world be expected to pay the price for policies of threat and intimidation. This is not a matter of political choice, but a legal and moral necessity to protect the international system and to deter anyone who believes they can undermine the security of global trade without consequence.

The Iranian regime, which bears responsibility for such unlawful actions, must cease these practices, provide guarantees against their recurrence, and fully remedy the harm caused, including compensation for both direct and indirect economic losses sustained by affected states.

Based on these facts and realities, we call upon member parliaments to adopt a clear and responsible position by:

First: Explicitly condemning the systematic Iranian attacks on the sovereignty of the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, Jordan, Türkiye, and

Azerbaijan, considering them serious violations of international law and rejecting any justifications for them.

Second: Holding the Iranian regime accountable for obstructing freedom of navigation, obligating it not to repeat such actions under any pretext, and ensuring full compensation for resulting losses.

Third: Upholding the principle of non-targeting of civilian facilities, including energy infrastructure, ports, and airports, under any justification.

Fourth: Activating international accountability mechanisms to prevent the transformation of maritime waterways into tools of coercion and blackmail, and entrenching the principle that the protection of maritime corridors is a red line that must not be exploited in any conflict.

Excellencies,

Achieving peace requires sincere political will, equitable justice, respect for state sovereignty, adherence to international law, and the rejection of violence and interference. For peace can only be built upon justice, and it can endure only through wisdom and responsibility.

Thank you