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*Excellencies,
Distinguished Colleagues,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

- On behalf of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM), it is a privilege to contribute to the discussions of the General Debate.
- The topic is timely. We need more than ever to foster hope for future generations: it is a matter of urgent political action, right now when hope seems to be fading.
- The choices of our Parliaments today will define the viability of peace and justice tomorrow. As parliamentarians, we must prioritize decision-making processes that aim at long-term stability and cross-generational liability.

- We are witnessing a period of dramatic geopolitical rifts and a crisis of confidence in the multilateral architecture. The integrity of international law is being undermined as actors operate with increasing disregard for global rules, fueled by the systemic failure to implement resolute accountability mechanisms.
- In regions torn by conflict, rebuilding confidence is pivotal for overcoming grievances and building a future of hope. For this, the active participation of youth is key.
- Parliaments should encourage greater participation of young people in political decision-making and leadership, as well as in intergenerational dialogue. In this spirit, PAM has established the PAM Youth Initiative (PYI), an open platform designed to connect existing youth fora and political leaders and parliamentarians among the Euro-Mediterranean and Gulf regions. The PAM Youth Initiative will make sure that efforts to benefit our youth are at the forefront of the parliamentary work.
- By championing a model of parliamentary diplomacy that prioritizes long-term regional resilience over short-term gains, PAM remains dedicated to building a Mediterranean

where the next generation inherits a credit of hope, justice and peace, rather than a debt of unresolved conflict.

- Let me also express the support of PAM to the ceasefire between the U.S. and Iran, and the recent ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon. The escalation has threatened to engulf the entire region with catastrophic consequences. Let us all work towards ensuring that this pause in hostilities matures into lasting peace and stability.

Thank you for the attention.
