

REMARKS
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Madam President,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the National Assembly of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

It is a privilege to address this Assembly under the timely and important theme:
"Enhancing Good Governance and Empowering Communities through Participation, Trust, and Inclusion."

We believe that good governance extends beyond effective institutions. It is built on trust between governments and citizens, meaningful public participation, transparency, accountability, and equal opportunities for all. It also requires empowering women, youth, persons with disabilities, and those living in remote and vulnerable communities to contribute to decision-making and benefit from development.

Madam President,

The Lao PDR is implementing its National Socio-Economic Development Plan as we advance towards sustainable and inclusive growth. Following our graduation from Least Developed Country status later this year, we remain committed to strengthening good governance, enhancing public participation, and promoting people-centred development while pursuing a green, resilient, and self-reliant economy.

As the supreme representative body of the people, the National Assembly continues to play a central role in this endeavour through legislative development, effective oversight, and representation of the aspirations and concerns of our citizens in national policymaking.

To ensure this active engagement, the National Assembly of the Lao PDR maintains dedicated channels to listen to the voices of the people and promote legal awareness to enhance public understanding. We continuously facilitate meaningful public participation by hearing, gathering citizens' feedback and inputs through various channels such as hotline, media especially leading up to and during our parliamentary sessions, ensuring that the laws and policies we adopt truly reflect the will and needs of our people.

In conclusion, good governance flourishes where trust is nurtured, participation is meaningful, and inclusion is guaranteed. Let us work together to ensure that these principles are translated into tangible benefits for our peoples and contribute to a more peaceful, safe, and sustainable future for present and future generations.

I wish the President of the IPU, the Secretary General, heads of delegation, and all distinguished participants good health, happiness, and every success in your important endeavours.

Khop chai lai lai.

Thank you.