

**Enhancing Good Governance and Empowering Communities
Through Inclusivity, Trust and Opportunities for All**

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Worthy Chair and Fellow Parliamentarians from the IPU Fraternity!

On behalf of the Parliament and people of Pakistan, I bring to you a message of peace, understanding and parliamentary cooperation.

We pass through testing times where democracies across the globe face the trust deficit challenge.

Good Governance lies at the very heart of this challenge, which is the key to establishing the needed trust between institutions and the citizenry.

And let us not forget; Trust is not assumed or taken for granted.

It must be earned through responsive, accountable, inclusive and effective institutions.

Parliamentary Institutions, must, therefore, ensure that people's voices are heard, their rights and dignity protected and a genuine stake in their future is guaranteed.

Under Prime Minister Mian Shahbaz Sharif, we have embarked upon a broad programme of economic, institutional and governance reforms.

These are creating transparent relationship between citizens, businesses and the State, clearly put equity, ethics and “empowerment of all” central to their execution.

In addition to its vibrant committee system, the Pakistan’s Parliament has also firmed up its outreach through Caucuses and public engagement.

However, the gross imbalance in the global governance, resulting in climate catastrophe;

Continued disrespect towards nations’ sovereignty by the World Bullies resulting in international economic crisis;

And blatant disregard to recognized treaties and international law, giving way to using water, trade and other shared resources as 'instrument of coercion' have brought more miseries and mistrust among nations and governments.

Pakistan, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif and our Chief of Defence Forces Field Marshal Asim Munir, has dedicatedly worked for global peace through Islamabad Accord and now Makkah Defence Pact.

Peace is the prerequisite for prosperity.

I thank you all