



Speech Text

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trust and opportunities for all»**

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**Excellencies Presidents of Parliaments and Heads of Delegations,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

At the outset, it gives me great pleasure to extend my sincere thanks and profound appreciation to the United Republic of Tanzania, its leadership, government, parliament and people, for the warm welcome and generous hospitality, and for hosting the proceedings of our Assembly in the city of Arusha, a city that embodies the beauty and diversity of Africa, and embraces the values of coexistence and peace.

The convening of our Assembly this session under the theme "Enhancing good governance and empowering communities", underscores a matter of great importance, which is fundamentally linked to the human being and his right to be a partner in decision-making.

We all agree that empowering local communities, strengthening their role, and fostering trust between citizens and State institutions, all constitute fundamental pillars for building communities that are more stable and capable of confronting crises.

Yet, I trust you will agree with me, at the same time, that good governance cannot flourish in a world dominated by wars, where international law is being undermined, and the lives of innocent civilians are threatened.

Therefore, allow me to take the opportunity of standing before this distinguished Assembly, to address briefly some of the issues which, for as long as they persist, make it impossible for us to speak about good governance and the achievement of the United Nations sustainable development goals, foremost among these issues is the Palestinian question.

What the Israeli occupation is carrying out in the State of Palestine is not merely isolated incidents, rather, it constitutes a comprehensive plan aimed at liquidating the Palestinian question, eliminating an entire people, and erasing its history from existence. The contours of this plan are unfolding before the world step by step. This is clearly reflected in settlement expansion projects that seek to separate the northern West Bank from its southern part, thereby seriously threatening the unity of the Palestinian territory and the prospects for the two-state solution.



In the Gaza Strip, the ceasefire remains merely a temporary interlude between one round and another of the occupation's policies of killing, destruction and starvation against our Palestinian people.

We are witnessing the successive implementation of a plan whose elements are being carried out one after another, and it is a disgrace for the international community to wait until all its stages are completed and then ask: How did we reach this point?

Therefore, from this international parliamentary platform, we state with clarity:

The time has come for a clear and strong international position that moves beyond condemnation to action, brings an end to the policy of imposing a fait accompli, and compels the occupation to respect international law, international humanitarian law, and the resolutions of international legitimacy, which embody the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and to establish their independent and sovereign State with Jerusalem as its capital.

Excellencies,

These challenges cannot be separated from a regional reality that is, at the same time, witnessing dangerous escalation and direct threats to the security of the Arab region as a result of the United States-Iran war, and the continuation of Iranian attacks targeting a number of Arab States and violating their sovereignty and security, as well as the repeated terrorist attacks carried out by the Houthi militia against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its oil facilities.

The targeting of Arab States and the threat to their security, irrespective of their source, constitute a flagrant violation of international law and a direct threat to the security of the region, that can neither be achieved through the logic of force nor by threatening international navigation, energy and global trade.

Accordingly, we call for the cessation of all forms of escalation, respect for the sovereignty of States, the protection of freedom of navigation, the safeguarding of international maritime routes, and a return to dialogue and diplomatic means for the settlement of disputes.

In conclusion, I wish to reaffirm that if we are gathered today to speak of governance and the empowerment of communities, then our message must be unequivocal:

- Trust cannot be built within communities while the world loses confidence in the ability of the international system to uphold the law.**



- **A more just and inclusive world begins with respect for the law, accountability for those who violate it, and an end to impunity, without selectivity or double standards.**

Peace be upon you