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## **Remarks at the General Debate of the 142nd IPU Assembly**

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Mr. President,  
Dear Colleagues,

The combined forces of changes and a pandemic both unseen in a century have brought the world into a phase of fluidity and transformation. Instability and uncertainty are clearly on the rise. That said, there is no fundamental change in the trend toward a multi-polar world; economic globalization is showing renewed resilience; and the call for upholding multilateralism has grown stronger. While we live in an age rife with challenges, it is also an age full of hope. Legislatures of all countries need to jointly advance global cooperation against COVID-19 and promote post-COVID recovery with a stronger sense of solidarity.

First, we must defend multilateralism and fight COVID-19 together. We need to safeguard the UN-centered international system and the international order underpinned by international law, and support the WHO in playing a leading role in global COVID cooperation. We need to advance international vaccine cooperation and make vaccines more accessible and affordable in an effort to build a global community of health for all.

Second, we must pursue open, innovation-driven development and boost post-COVID recovery. We need to uphold the multilateral trading system with the WTO at its core, reject the attempt to set trade and technological barriers, and ensure the safe, stable and unimpeded operation of global industrial and supply chains. It is our duty to provide legal safeguards in a timely manner for the new industries and business forms that emerged from the pandemic and facilitate the creation of new drivers of growth.

Third, we must promote cooperation among legislatures to create a better future for all. We must make good use of multilateral parliamentary platforms such as the IPU to strengthen exchanges and experience sharing on poverty alleviation, development of public health systems, environmental protection and other social governance issues, with the aim

of improving the governance capacity of all countries and promoting dialogue, cooperation and friendship.

Committed to building a community with a shared future for mankind, China has contributed its wisdom and strength to the global pandemic response. China reported cases of infection and released the genome sequencing of the virus and other information at the first opportunity. By providing assistance to the WHO and some 150 countries, and delivering the commitment of making vaccines a global public good, China has given a strong boost to the global campaign against COVID-19. We are convinced that with solidarity and perseverance, our world will ultimately defeat the virus, secure new progress in building a community with a shared future for mankind, and usher in a brighter future for all.

Thank you.