

Speech of

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May Allah's peace and mercy of be upon you

The 142nd, General Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) convenes via video conference due to the persistence of covid-19 pandemic, which still taking toll of the lives of people, causing illness to millions, increasing its adverse effects on the world economies and restricting movement of people in various regions of the world.

We are all hope that science has developed and medicine has advanced enabling humanity to discover the right vaccination to combat this pandemic and provide immunity to large segments of people the world over reducing thereby, numbers of patients and deaths.

We in the State of Qatar, are thankful for the wise policy of His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Emir of the State of Qatar "May Allah protects him", which enabled the majority of the citizens and the expatriates residents of Qatar to be vaccinated . Soon a tight and well planned strategy will be implemented in four stages to lift the precautionary measures imposed to contain the spread of Covid-19. First stage will start on May 28, while the last stage will start at the beginning of September 2021.

At the level of global cooperation against Covid-19 the State of Qatar has upon the instructions from His Highness the Emir of the provided financial and material assistance to many friendly countries and to humanitarian organizations to help them overcome this pandemic and protect the citizens of these countries.

We in the State of Qatar, believe that working hard to attain sustainable development, is the fundamental base for the security and peace which we wish to prevail all over the world. While all nations working to contain this pandemic we deeply regret that Israel is waging aggression against our Palestinian brothers. We strongly condemn and the aggression and call on the international community and all parliamentarians, whom we consider to be the conscience of humanity, to condemn this aggression, to call for stopping it and to enable the Palestinian people to have their legitimate and inalienable right to establish an independent State on the borders of June 4, 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital and to help them overcome the difficult circumstances in which they live as a result of this brutal aggression.

May Allah's peace and mercy be upon you