



In the name of Allah

"Adam's children are limbs of one body  
That in creation are made of one gem.  
When life and time hurt a limb,  
Other limbs will not be at ease.  
You who are not sad for the suffering of others,  
Do not deserve to be called human."

**Your Excellency the Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Allow me that on behalf of the Senate of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to sincerely thank you for holding the 142nd IPU virtual session and the debates on “Overcoming the Pandemic Today and Building a Better Tomorrow: The Role of Parliaments”.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

As you all know, for more than a year now, the world has been fighting against Covid 19. Around one hundred and fifty million people all over the world have been affected by this deadly virus to date, out of which three million have died.

This virus has badly affected all spheres of human life and caused extreme damage to economies across the globe.

**Dear audience,**

We, as members of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, would like to call upon the nations of the world to commit to the crucial cause of providing health aids and working for poverty alleviation.

To this end, the Inter-Parliamentary-Union, with the cooperation of parliaments, can attempt serious actions towards fighting issues which affect global health, such as Covid-19, maternal mortality, fight against poverty and hunger, primary education, women's empowerment and environmental protection. These issues are faced by countries across the globe, including Afghanistan, and cannot be resolved until we reach a global consensus on making serious efforts to combat them.

Today the developed countries are utilizing their health facilities especially Covid 19 vaccines and they treat hundreds million of the people in their countries, but in developing countries only around ten thousand and hundred thousand people received Covid 19 vaccination. The parliaments have to ask the governments for equal health facilities specially Covid-19 vaccination. Otherwise the equal living rights, justice, human rights and joint struggle will lost its real concept.

## **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

In current tough situation, the developed countries instead of spending their budgets in making military weapons, should utilize their funds for overcoming the virus and other necessary needs and problems of the community, including global warming issue.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the esteemed members of the Inter-Parliamentary Union who have cooperated with the joint efforts of countries in various fields and have shown their humane approach in empathizing with suffering humanity.

Finally, on behalf of the Afghan Parliament, especially the Senate, I would like to sincerely thank all the esteemed members of the Assembly, once again.

Thank you!