

Your Excellencies, Honorable Speakers of Parliaments and International Participating Delegations.

Ladies and gentlemen, honorable attendance.

Peace, mercy and the blessings of God be upon you

I would like at the outset of my speech to express my sincere appreciation to you and my great pleasure to be among you in this international parliamentary forum which comprises a huge number of best international parliamentarians to discuss and highlight the multiple major challenges facing our countries and the region in particular; take the decisions and make the recommendations required for improving and upgrading the realities of the current situation in every single country and contribute to enriching joint parliamentary work and overcoming difficulties together.

The convening of our three conferences, namely, "the Thirteenth Summit of Women Speakers of Parliament, the Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament, the First Global Parliamentary Summit on Combating Terrorism and the various workshops held on their sidelines, is deemed to be more necessary now than ever before due to the fact that these conferences are taking place under difficult circumstances where head-on clashes and confrontations erupting all over the world and the region are becoming extremely complicated, gravely worrying for the peoples and posing a major threat for security, peace and stability in the world. Such a case would call for closer and unprecedented solidarity and effective and close collaboration and coordination between all concerned representatives of peoples and require us to concentrate our efforts on resisting terrorist rhetoric, extremism, fanaticism and violence. The would also require taking a realistic and direct steps towards dealing with the real causes that have led to the

emergence and spread of the terrorist phenomenon; addressing all the humanitarian problems related to health, security and economic challenges which the international community has badly suffers from; emphasizing on enhancement of states' capabilities to prohibit and combat terrorism; ensuring respect for human rights and the rule of law; preserving the unity, sovereignty and stability of states and non-interference in the internal affairs of any other country; consolidating the mechanisms of international parliamentary action and activating and increasing the volume of trade and investment exchange between various countries in their common interest.

Dear brothers and sisters,

All of you dears are well aware of the activities undertaken by the Baghdad Conference for Cooperation and Partnership and the size of the participating heads of state and foreign ministers of the brotherly and friendly countries. This very fact confirms our country's active and pivotal role in the international arena and its ability to resolve ongoing conflicts in the region. In view of what said, there is a desperate need, I feel, for continuing meetings and exchanging visits for they might well contribute to strengthening our bilateral relations and upgrade them to an utmost splendid image and achieve the progress and advances we aspire for the elevation of the style of lives s of our free and dignified peoples. Again , I feel there is a need for giving priority to reviving cooperation and economic integration projects and one more crying need for launching initiatives to empower the youth, support women, deepen the concept of sustainable development and rational governance. We, moreover, need to work together to adopt policies and approve legislation to firmly ensure addressing ourselves to all common difficulties, including the Corona pandemic file for humanitarian reasons and facilitate to

vaccines approved by the World Health Organization (WHO) by all rich and poor countries alike.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to focus, from the podium of this international forum, on the issue of climate change, which is considered one of the most serious problems and a direct threat to the entire world as demonstrated by the rise in temperature, lack of rain, water scarcity, salinity of land and the increase in the proportion of dust and sand storms and their resulting disasters. These disasters necessitate us to raise the level of our commitments to concentrate our joint efforts and work together to protect the future of humanity against such serious hazards. We should also address the issue of the environment and the environment-related challenges and allocate them, in accordance with the principle of shared responsibility, a place within our priorities and a relatively great portion of interest and attention in compliance with the fact that the environment constitutes an integral or rather indispensable part of the aspired for sustainable development system.

Honorable attendants,

I would also like to indicate that my country, Iraq, is approaching the date of the early parliamentary elections scheduled for the tenth of October after all election-related requirements have been impartially and honestly fulfilled in confirming our strict abidance by the principle of peaceful transfer of power to comply with the will of the masses and our firm belief in the democratic approach. We also call on friendly and brotherly countries to help us justly monitor these elections in the light of a request previously lodged with the Security Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our honorable presence today will stimulate and prompt us to talk painfully about our mother cause, namely, the Palestinian cause which has been our first basic issue for ages. The cause has become threatened in the light of the continuation of the Israeli settlement plans and the repeated attacks carried out by the Israeli entity in the occupied territories, the last of which took place in the blessed month of Ramadan during which Muslims and followers of other faiths fast to share the poor in Palestine their painful feelings of deprivation and starvation and sympathy for their sufferings caused by the Israeli continued aggressions, thanks to the brotherly and friendly countries especially France, Egypt and Jordan for the efforts they have made in this regard after the Security Council, the United Nations and a few super powers and other countries and major international human rights organizations have failed to put an end to these violations and repeated attacks.

In conclusion, I find it obligatory for me to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all contributors to organizing the activities of this valuable conference in Vienna.

We ask God almighty to guide us all to what is good and beneficial to our honorable peoples.

Peace, mercy and blessings of God be upon you