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Ladies and gentlemen,
Mr. President of the National Assembly of Armenia,
Dear young parliamentarians,
Distinguished guests,

Good evening. It is truly a pleasure to be here with you all in beautiful Armenia and to see so many young and dynamic leaders gathered from all corners of the globe.

First and foremost, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our gracious hosts, the National Assembly of Armenia, for their generous hospitality and for organizing this special reception on the eve of the Conference. I am confident that the relationships we forge here will be long-lasting.

To the young parliamentarians gathered here tonight, this Conference is dedicated to you and the young people you represent. It is about harnessing your energy, creativity, and passion for positive change.

It is also a special Conference because it marks the 10-year anniversary of the very first IPU Global Conference of young parliamentarians in 2014. Back then, the youth movement at the IPU was already strong and vibrant. Now as we celebrate this milestone, we can see how the movement has further grown.

Youth empowerment is now a priority, not just at the IPU, but in parliaments all around the world. And it is thanks to the dedication of MPs like you that this has been possible. While we still have much work ahead for youth to have their rightful place in politics, it is inspiring to see how far we have come.

This is why I am particularly pleased to be experiencing this Conference for the first time. I look forward to the coming days filled with meaningful discussions, innovative ideas, and a spirit of collaboration.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the evening and, as they say here in Armenia, "Bari akhorzhak"

I thank you for your attention.