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Dinner remarks by Dr. Tulia Ackson, IPU President

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Membership of the Hungarian National Assembly

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Mr President,
Ladies and gentlemen,

I am honored to be in Budapest celebrating the IPU's 135th anniversary this year and Hungary's membership.

Thank you Mr. President for your hospitality.

The IPU was founded in 1889 by parliamentarians from nine countries, including Hungary, who believed in the power of conversation over conflict.

Today, we are a global organization with 180 member countries, representing 46,000 parliamentarians.

Our founding principles remain vital as we face global crises of climate change, refugees, and wars.

The IPU's role in promoting dialogue, peace, and diplomacy is more important than ever.

Hungary has been an active IPU member, hosting three conferences.

Allow me to thank you for remaining so active these past 135 years.

Let us carry forward the spirit of our founders including those visionary parliamentarians from Hungary who were there at the beginning.

Let us make the next 135 years even more impactful.

Together, we can ensure the IPU thrives as a beacon of dialogue and diplomacy.

Thank you for your commitment to our shared goals.

Together, we can achieve a more peaceful world.

Thank you.