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Concluding Remarks by Dr. Tulia Ackson IPU President

G20 Speakers' Parliamentary Summit (P20)

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Honorable Congressman Lira, President of the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies,
Honorable Senator Pacheco, President of the Brazilian Senate,
Distinguished Speakers of Parliament,
Dear Colleagues,

We have just concluded three very busy days of work that have given us the opportunity for fruitful exchanges on good practices and opportunities of collaboration that should enable us to advance the ambitious objectives that together we have set for ourselves.

I salute the leadership of the Brazilian Parliament in guiding our work, under the overall theme of Parliaments for a just world and a sustainable planet.

On the issues of hunger, poverty and inequality, I am encouraged by the scope and breath of our discussions, which have enabled us to identify a number of solutions and courses of action. Given the collective size of the G20's resources, there is no doubt that the means should not be lacking, and that renewed action should be undertaken to effectively address these challenges, the devastating consequences of which we are painfully aware of. With solidarity, courage and political will, we can live up to the expectations of our people for a better and more sustainable future.

Without a doubt, the 10th P20 Summit in Brasilia has put the people - and in particular the women - back at the centre of our attention. We have all agreed that we need to advance gender equality as a precondition for inclusive growth and sustainable development. With this in mind, we must redouble our efforts to promote women's rights and the political and economic empowerment of women, while firmly combating discrimination and violence against women. The recommendations of the first-ever P20 Meeting of Women Parliamentarians in Macéio should henceforth be a reference for our work on this front.

Colleagues,

Time is not on our side. The 2030 deadline for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals is just around the corner and we are seriously off-track. We have agreed that we need decisive, inclusive and forward-thinking policies. It is within our reach to turn our ambitious goals into actionable laws and budgets that resonate with the needs of our respective communities.

We have agreed that our parliaments must lead in driving climate action and resilience. In just over a week's time, our parliaments will be assembling in the context of the Parliamentary Meeting at the UN Climate Change Conference, this time in Baku, Azerbaijan. This will be an opportunity to take stock of the results of our work thus far, but clearly so much more needs to be done. I call on all of you to firmly move ahead on the Ten Actions we have collectively identified to strengthen national climate commitments, and to share the results of your interventions.

I very much welcome the fact that, despite our differences and a very difficult international environment, we have been able to come together here and reach consensus on a very substantive and comprehensive Joint Statement which sets forth specific courses of parliamentary action to combat hunger, poverty and inequality around the world, ensure just and inclusive transitions towards sustainable development, and help build a more equitable and representative global governance. Colleagues,

We now need to take this Joint Statement back home, roll up our sleeves and get to work in making sure that our words are matched by concrete actions and results. I would like to echo the point made yesterday by the Deputy Speaker of South Africa, when she said that it is untenable to continue with P20 declarations without a serious tracking and reporting mechanism. I totally agree, as we too are accountable for the promises that we make. We look forward to working closely with the Parliament of South Africa in the lead-up to the next P20 Summit next year, to see how we could put such a mechanism in place.

To conclude, I would like to warmly thank again our gracious Brazilian hosts for their warm hospitality, hard work, and strong commitment to multilateralism and parliamentary diplomacy. We very much value your contribution to the work of the IPU, and look forward to supporting you as you embark on another very busy year as chair of both BRICS and the 30th Conference of Parties to the UN Convention on Climate Change (COP30) – both of which hold an important parliamentary component.

As for the IPU, we shall continue to deploy all possible efforts to provide a meaningful platform for political dialogue and engagement, help build strong and effective parliaments, and enhance the parliamentary dimension to global governance. We very much look forward to welcoming you all to Geneva in late July 2025 for the Sixth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament, organized in close cooperation with the United Nations. This will be preceded by the 15th Summit of Women Speakers of Parliament, to be hosted by the Swiss Parliament in Bern.

It has been an honour and a pleasure to be a part of this wonderful P20 Summit, and I would like to thank you all for your confidence, friendship and contribution. I wish you all the very best in the exercise of your very important responsibilities, and I look forward to even closer engagement ahead. Together, we can achieve great things!

Thank you.