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President,

The Pact for the Future that is the outcome of this Summit does provide a clear path forward to turbocharge the SDGs and to fix a multilateral system that is nearly broken.

As President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, I am here to tell you that you can count on our organization, with a membership of 180 national parliaments, as a trusted partner in the journey ahead.

No challenge is too big for those who are determined and willing to work together.

IPU welcomes the strong acknowledgement of the role of parliaments at the UN provided in Action 55 of the Pact.

This action line stresses the need to deepen the relationship between the UN and parliaments and welcomes the contribution of parliaments, through the IPU, in supporting the implementation of UN agreements.

We will have an opportunity to get into the fine details of this relationship during this 79th session of the General Assembly, under the item on “interaction between the UN, national parliaments and the IPU.”

We look forward to working with member States to find more concrete ways to engage parliaments in the work of the UN so that they are more aware of the discussions taking place here, and more capacitated to provide input through their governments as well as the IPU.

In the quarter century since the Millennium Declaration, the relationship between the UN and parliaments has grown steadily year after year, never losing sight of its final aim: to make the UN more open, more accountable and more able to deliver on its commitments.

We are committed to strengthening that relationship.

Today:

Most major UN meetings take place with at least some parliamentary component;

Each IPU Assembly has UN officials contributing their expertise on the various issues;

Many UN Resident Coordinators make a real effort to engage parliaments in UN development plans;

UN partners contribute to at least half of the project work of the IPU, including workshops and publications for parliamentarians.

In short, we are doing our part to make the UN and multilateralism stronger through parliaments.

We need to scale up and be ready to seize the opportunity for improvement whenever it arises.

People everywhere expect change. This is the time and the place to make that happen.

Thank you.