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Excellencies,
Distinguished Speakers,
Honourable Senators and Members of Parliament,
Representatives of the United Nations,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure to join you through this video message for the launch of Uzbekistan's SDG Month.

On behalf of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, I warmly congratulate the Parliament of Uzbekistan, and in particular, Speaker Tanzila Narbaeva, for this timely initiative and for your steadfast commitment to advancing the SDGs.

Since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, the IPU has been an unwavering advocate for parliamentary engagement in the implementation of the SDGs. We have consistently maintained that achieving the Goals is not only an international development imperative - it is also one of the strongest foundations for cooperation among nations, for stability within societies, for inclusive progress and ultimately for lasting peace.

Parliaments have a unique responsibility in this endeavour. Through legislation, oversight, budgeting and representation, they translate global commitments into concrete action that improves people's lives. They ensure that no one is left behind and that governments remain accountable for delivering on the promises of the 2030 Agenda.

In this regard, the Government and Parliament of Uzbekistan have demonstrated remarkable leadership. Last year, the Parliament of Uzbekistan hosted a highly successful, landmark 150th Assembly of the IPU. The outcome of the Assembly, the Tashkent Declaration on Parliamentary action for social development and justice is a significant contribution to our shared efforts for advancing the SDGs. You have also played a key role in promoting the 2022 United Nations General Assembly resolution on *Enhancing the role of parliaments in accelerating the implementation of the SDGs*, and more recently the 2026 resolution on *Enhancing the role of parliaments in accelerating social development*. Together, these important resolutions reaffirm the essential contribution of parliaments in translating the SDGs into national action and strengthening accountability for sustainable and inclusive development. We sincerely thank you for this leadership and for your close partnership with the IPU.

I am also delighted that the upcoming IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians in Samarkand will include a dedicated session on the SDGs. Young parliamentarians are not only shaping the future—they are already leading transformative action today. Their ideas, energy and determination are essential to accelerating progress at a time when the world faces multiple and interconnected challenges.

The IPU looks forward to working with you and to continuing our collaboration in Samarkand this September. Together, let us reaffirm our shared commitment to the 2030 Agenda and to strengthening parliamentary action for a more sustainable, more prosperous and more peaceful world.

I wish you every success for the SDG Month and look forward to seeing many of you soon in Samarkand. Thank you.