

**Speech of Mr. Nebojša Radmanović,  
Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives  
of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina  
at the 141. Assembly of Inter Parliamentary Union**

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Honourable President, Mrs. Cuevas Barron,

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Dear Speakers and representatives of parliaments of members  
of Inter Parliamentary Union,

Please allow me to greet you on behalf of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina and on my personal behalf and congratulate all of us, elected representatives of peoples and citizens all around the world, the great jubilee - the 130th anniversary of the Inter Parliamentary Union, the largest and oldest multilateral organization of parliamentarians in the history of civilization and democratic states.

I would also like to congratulate the Republic of Serbia, National Assembly of Serbia and its speaker, Mrs. Maja Gojković, for organization of this magnificent gathering of parliamentarians from the whole world. More than a century long history of cooperation between the National Assembly of Serbia and Inter Parliamentary Union as well as the fact that the Assembly of the Inter Parliamentary Union is being held here in Belgrade for the second time, testify

that Serbia and this high body are recognized for their high degree of democracy and strong commitment to the preservation of peace, stability and respect for democratic values and human rights.

Also I express particular pleasure that the Assembly of the Interparliamentary Union, as an organization that represents the basis for development of global and regional interparliamentary cooperation, as well as parliamentary diplomacy, is being held here in one of the leading Western Balkan countries, in the region where, just three decades ago, bloody ethnic and civil wars raged.

I am convinced that holding the Assembly of Interparliamentary Union here, in Belgrade, will be a strong impetus for all of us in the Western Balkans region, to leave behind the conflicts of the past, to resolve our smouldering interstate and ethnic conflicts through dialogue, to turn to the future, regional and bilateral political and economic cooperation and all together, by implementing necessary reforms and respecting the most important international documents and standards, find our place in the European Union, a free, well-structured and prosperous community of European peoples and states.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The European perspective is a strong integrative factor for all countries in the region, but especially for Bosnia and Herzegovina, a country where even one year after democratic elections, due to strong foreign influence and internal political controversy, government at the state level has not been established yet. That is why, a few days ago, leading parliamentarians from all political parties represented in the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, launched an initiative that should lead to a solution to the political crisis and initiate the work of legislative and executive power in the country.

This example is just one of many that demonstrate significant and important role of parliamentarians, democratically elected representatives of peoples and citizens, in resolving conflicts and political crisis. We really need to be and we really are promoters of political dialogue, the establishment of meaningful interstate relations and cooperation, both in the Western Balkan region and the whole world. That is why the platform of the IPU Assembly is the best possible

place to send the message that the members of Bosnia and Herzegovina's Parliament will take an active part in the work of many regional parliamentary and political initiatives with the aim to integrate Western Balkan countries in a peaceful, stable and prosperous region, a single economic space within which movement of people, goods and capital is free.

In the year of celebrating the great jubilee, I wish the Assembly of Inter Parliamentary Union a successful work.

Thank you for attention!