



Honourable president,

Distinguished colleagues,

Ladies and gentlemen,

The defence of the international order and multilateralism should have our utmost attention. History taught us, that the nonexistence of a rules based system among states threatens international peace. This is why in 1889 members of parliaments already came together to create this very organization we are all part of today, trying to secure peace and to foster the democratic thought in the world. Unfortunately, the world needed two devastating world wars to finally understand that a rules based system is more necessary than ever and consequently the United Nations were founded to secure the peace that was achieved in 1945.

Even though international law has long existed before the United Nations, since their establishment, international cooperation and international law has been flourishing. Those rules have been safeguarding the international system and kept the world a safer place after all. This is why their existence is so tremendously important for our world today. In order to preserve what we have accomplished, every member state has to do its best to adhere to the rules of international law.

But in order to ensure the compliance with international law, a functioning judiciary is indispensable. We need to strengthen the international order by participating in its institutions. The international court system with the ICJ (International Court of Justice) and the ICC (International Criminal Court) can only be effective with as many states as possible becoming part of it and subject to their jurisdiction. The one resolving disputes among states, while the other bringing those to justice who violate international humanitarian law. Without effective international rule of law, impunity for member states and individuals will continue to undermine the effectiveness of the international order. Without the rule of law, there won't be justice.

We, the representatives of our country's parliaments therefore have to make sure that our governments adhere to international law also by being an active part of its judiciary institutions. Because it is the international rule of law that ensures the stability of the international order.

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