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Statement by Hon. Karim Darwish, PAM President

On the Panel discussion:

**Stepping up parliamentary action: The climate change
emergency**

Dear colleagues,

- It is my pleasure to address this important meeting on behalf of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean. As you all know, Climate Change is posing unprecedented challenges to our planet, and particularly to the Mediterranean basin, which is among the most affected regions in terms of vulnerability to global warming.
- Despite science appeals for urgent action, the efforts made and the strategies adopted by governments until now are far from being adequate to mitigate the impact and the further evolution of climate change.
- Solidarity and greater ambition are needed to transition to a sustainable, resilient low carbon green economy that limits global warming to 1.5 degree Celsius by the end of this century. Unfortunately, for the Mediterranean this limit has already been passed, and projections indicate 3.5 degrees increase as a possible real value.

Dear colleagues,

- PAM has been working with the UN to address climate-related concerns through the instrument of inter-parliamentary cooperation. We actively contribute to develop sustainable policies and regulations, and we invest in our MPs meeting with experts to debate real threats and work towards the harmonization of Mediterranean effective legislative frameworks.
- At national level, parliamentarians must play a strategic role through the development of laws supporting green and sustainable business models, guaranteeing livelihood business environments in rural regions, and to establish sustainable eco-tourism practices on coastal areas to reduce pressure on natural resources, to contain pollution and to preserve our own habitat.
- PAM is committed to reinforce partnerships with all national and international actors in climate change, in the belief that cooperation, at all levels, is critical to save the planet, the only one we have.

Thank you.