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## IPU Presidential Elections

### Candidate Hearings – 21 October 2020

#### **Mr. M. Sadiq Sanjrani (Pakistan) Vision for the IPU**

**Dear parliamentarians from around the world,**

I am honoured and delighted to run for President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) with the support of the Parliament of Pakistan and I am hopeful to win your support too.

Today we are witnessing unprecedented times posing multidimensional challenges on many fronts. These challenges coupled with the increasing prevalence of poverty, inequality, denial of human rights, regional conflicts, are testing our capacities as Parliamentarians, leaders and peoples' representatives. The outbreak of COVID-19 has further magnified the scale and scope of these challenges

IPU being the largest and most esteemed forum of the world parliaments and peoples' elected leadership can play a major role in steering the world out of prevailing crises for a peaceful, prosperous and progressive planet; ideal for human development and wellbeing of the global citizenry.

My journey from service in government apparatus for many years to now leading the Senate of Pakistan as the youngest Chairman allowed me to forge alliances for building synergies and developing out of the box solutions for providing adequate opportunities to enable the marginalized segments of the society to realize their true potential.

Building upon my experience of leading the Senate of Pakistan, I can utilize the platform of the IPU Presidency in augmenting unity in diversity, entrenching equality, promoting mutual respect, ensuring inclusivity, and nurturing harmony and coexistence which are pivotal for advancing the agenda of sustainable and inclusive development of our people.

If elected to the prestigious office of the IPU President, I envision to reform and utilize this forum to achieve the following,-

- **Develop and reiterate a Charter of Well-being of Masses, that clearly underlines targets of ensuring resources in national policies and budgets on universal education, health and safer livelihoods, for the youth, for the girls, for communities of all faiths, caste and creed in every country of the world.**
- **Steer formulation of proactive IPU guidelines to help countries develop comprehensive laws for situations of hazards, threats as well as epidemics, covering all aspects of emergency assistance, ensuring necessities and compensation to all especially the poor in addition to joint consensus state mechanisms to alleviate the situation.**
- **Develop and strategize the Model Way Forward for meaningful women empowerment to create an environment where women and girls can lead their lives free from violence, enjoy freedoms and choices, participate in decisions; Let's make gender equality a reality.**
- **Enhancing engagement between IPU and UN, through establishment of institutional linkages for a more effective, prompt and tangible progress on key global issues such as conflict resolution, safeguarding human rights, ensuring gender quality, and youth empowerment.**

- **Developing a well-defined and structured partnership between IPU and international human rights organisations and forums to address increasing human rights violations around the world; protecting the rights of indigenous groups and ethnic and religious minorities; and safeguarding vulnerable populations caught in conflict situations.**
- **Being the youngest Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan and mindful of the need to engage youth in the democratic and political processes, I aim to build a bridge between the Forum of Young Parliamentarians and experienced policy-makers in designing innovative policies for human development.**
- **Cognizant that IPU aims at mainstreaming representative parliamentary leadership in regional and global decision-making, revive and empower the office of IPU President to support and steer the collective political will of Member parliaments for achievement of peace, stability and shared prosperity.**
- **Proactively arrange seminars and inter-faith dialogues between IPU geo-political groups to strengthen unity in diversity, promoting equality and mutual respect, and nurturing harmony and coexistence.**

With the ever-evolving challenges of the modern world, we as parliamentarians need to readily embrace new and innovative approaches on how we operate; even if it requires revisiting our existing systems and models to suit the needs of the modern times.

I am hopeful that my vision and ideas will thus spur a sense of a much-needed overhaul and mark the beginning of an era of change.

Thank you for the patient hearing!