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Honorable President of the 139<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union  
Honorable Presidents of Parliaments  
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**Peace be upon you,**

Please allow me to thank the Inter-Parliamentary Union for choosing the theme of General Debate on "Parliamentary leadership in promoting peace and development in the age of innovation and technological change". Proceeding from our belief in the Arab Parliament of the unmediated relation between peace and development, and the opportunities offered by technology towards supporting a comprehensive sustainable development to achieve peace; We convey our aspiration for a Parliamentary roadmap that will integrate all national, regional and international parliamentary action tools to enhance the role of technology and science to meet the global challenges associated with achieving the sustainable development goals 2030, reducing development gaps and ensuring decent life for people, along with strengthening the mechanisms of Parliamentary Diplomacy as a tool for achieving peace and ensuring human rights.

Honorables,

The crucial challenges that face world today require from the National and Regional Parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union to redouble their efforts to fulfill the major responsibilities to ensure and to achieve a just and comprehensive peace in the world.

We meet today under the dome of the Inter-Parliamentary Union to develop a correct vision linking the triangle which its base is the science and development and its summit is the peace, under parliamentary auspices and effort, the aim of the vision is to achieve a lasting and just peace and human acquaintance.

Nonetheless unfortunately the Arab Region does not enjoy security and stability, and the path of peace has been lost since many years due to the intransigence of the occupying Power of Israel, its policies committed daily against the Palestinian people, namely the policies of intimidation, murder, displacement, demolition and deprivation of freedoms and rights that have been recognized by all international laws, notably the right of the Palestinians to a decent life, to restore their land and to establish their independent State with Jerusalem as its Capital.

And while the world is heading to achieve security, peace, coexistence and acceptance of the other, the occupying Power of Israel is heading to pursue policies of exclusion and expulsion of Palestinians, and to violate the International Regime of Equality Protection and Non-Discrimination on the basis of nationality and religion, by the adoption of "Jewish-nation" Law on July 2018, which establish abhorrent racist policies and codify apartheid policies and violate the fundamental Principles of International Law and of

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Human Rights, and destroy the stable International Regime and its established principles that citizenship is the foundation of building societies, and the basis of rights and duties.

Honorables and Excellencies,

I address you today as Presidents and Representatives of Parliaments representing the peoples of the free world, and I address in you the living conscience of humanity, so as not to continue the tragedy of the Palestinian people who suffered and continues to suffer from injustice for more than seventy years, oppressed when his homeland was occupied, and oppressed when forcibly expelled from his land, and today oppressed by starving and banning humanitarian aid and relief.

This ongoing injustice does not keep to this great people any confidence in peace?! Therefore, I appeal to everyone, I call the universal conscience, bring back to the Palestinians who live under the brute occupation the trust in the true sponsors of peace, bring them back the hope for a safe future, lift the injustice on the Palestinian people, contribute to establish a just and comprehensive peace, incarnate your noble endeavors as a reality for the homeless Palestinian child, enough is enough for the policies of occupation, murder and displacement.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Peace, mercy and blessings of God be upon you.