

Distinguished Madame President!
Distinguished Mr. Secretary General!
Dear ladies and gentlemen!

First of all, on behalf of the delegation of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, I would like to extend our greetings to all the participants of today's forum and to express gratitude to the organizers of this Assembly for the high level of preparation and hospitality, extended to all of us since the first minutes of arrival to Qatar.

The topic of this Assembly **“The Parliaments as a platform for strengthening education for peace, security and the rule of law”** is relevant for all civilized countries today.

As a result of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the humankind today finds itself in a global whirlwind of new ideas, technologies and innovations.

Therefore, the education is a cornerstone of all aspects of state and society's life, including **preservation of peace, ensuring security and the rule of law.**

Certainly, the improvement of education system is also very important for Kazakhstan as well.

Since the first days of Independence, our country has been a consistent supporter of the ideas of preservation of peace, accord, security and solicitous attitude to common human values.

Undoubtedly, this has been achieved thanks to the First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev, who set a global objective for our country to join the ranks of world's 30 most development countries.

We are also focusing on raising the **quality of human capital** on the basis of the OECD standards.

Certainly, this cannot be achieved without an advanced education system.

Modern trends of global development and objectives of modernization of a state itself obviously require rethinking and elaboration of new approaches to further improvement in the quality of education.

That is why the **Parliament of Kazakhstan** is focusing its attention on improving the quality of education at all levels and ensuring harmonious entry of the country into the global education arena.

Firstly, the members of the Parliament annually review national budget and constantly **increase budgetary spending** on education.

Secondly, Parliament's members regularly **monitor legal framework** of the education system.

Thirdly, the **improvement** of Kazakhstan's **legislation** in the sphere of education is carried out **taking into account global trends**.

Specifically, last year we adopted a number of legal acts, aimed at modernization of country's education system.

For example, the Law "**On Education**" was amended to promote **academic and management self-sufficiency** for higher education institutions.

In addition to it, the idea of the "**quality of education**" itself was **reevaluated**.

If previously the "quality" meant primarily the **adherence of programs to national standards**, today it is about **meeting the needs of all stakeholderds**, from the employers to the students.

Development of **national innovation system** and introduction of **new education standards** is another priority in our country.

It is facilitated by such new laws as "**On Innovation Activity**", "**On Science**", "**On Commercialization of the Results of Scientific and Technical Work**" that were adopted by the Parliament of Kazakhstan.

Due to such result oriented work we have created a sufficiently effective legislative base for the required reforms.

Dear colleagues!

Improvement of the education system requires joint efforts and coordinated action of all countries of the world. It is difficult to

overestimate the role of the members of Parliaments in these processes.

First of all, we must effectively use the potential of inter-parliamentary cooperation to develop education in the interests of peace, security and the rule of law.

Today's discussion of this issue at such an important dialogue platform as the Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly provides an impulse to comprehensive engagement among the parliamentarians of our countries to bring closer and make uniform national legislations, exchange experience in innovation research and legislative practices.

I believe that through joint efforts at the international, regional and national levels we can find constructive solutions to the challenges that are being raised here today during the general debates, permanent committees and panel discussions.

I wish all the participants of this Assembly fruitful dialogue, effective partnership and successful implementation of your objectives.

Thank you for the attention!

