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H. E. Mr. Martin Chungong Secretary General of the IPU Chemin du Pommier 5 Case postale 330 1218 Le Grand-Saconnex Geneva – Switzerland

Dear Martin.

Please find attached the text message of the Arab Geopolitical Group, which will be delivered during the 206th session of the Governing Council (Extraordinary virtual session, 01 - 04 November 2020), by H. E. Dr. Ali Rashid Alnuaimi, Chair of the IPU Group, Federal National Council, United Arab Emirates, on behalf of the Arab Geopolitical Group, which will take place on Sunday 1st of November 2020, from 15:00 till 16:00.

With my best regards,

Fayez Al-Shawabkah

Secretary General of the AIPU



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THE PRESIDENT

Message from the Arab Geopolitical Group

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Arab Geopolitical Group, I would like to thank her excellency, Mrs. Gabriella Cuevas Barron, for the fruitful role that she played as president of the IPU during the last three years, she has exerted great efforts to promote peace, democracy, and sustainable development around the world. It was an honor working with her, and I wish her all the success in her coming years.

As the Arab Geopolitical Group, we would spare no effort to strengthen the work of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and cooperate in order to achieve its ultimate goals, and enhance its international stature. We have to work jointly to address the challenges that are threatening our world such as poverty, unemployment, hate speech, and terrorism. Furthermore, we would like to promote constructive dialogue to resolve the current conflicts, especially the Arab-Israeli conflict, we call to take whatever action is necessary to achieve the two-state solution, to put an end to the violence that has led to the deaths and injuries of thousands and the displacement of millions of civilians in the region. There should be intensified efforts to establish peace and security in the Middle East.

The outbreak of COVID-19 has further magnified the scale and scope of these challenges. This virus has affected all the countries in the world, it has no border, and we must remain united in our shared humanity, especially towards the least developed countries to support them in response to this horrible pandemic. The fight against this global pandemic, which is taking so many lives and challenging our societies, requires more and enhanced international cooperation and worldwide solidarity.

Finally, we all hope for an early overcoming in this crisis that has seized all countries and for a victory over the pandemic.

To conclude, I would like to refer to the great work of the Secretariat of the IPU that is contributing to facilitate the tasks of the members. I wish the Inter-Parliamentary Union all the success, hoping that with solidarity and cooperation, we will be able to achieve all its ultimate goals for a better world full of peace, prosperity, and security.

Wishing you all the best,