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***“Getting to Zero: Mobilizing Parliaments to Act
on Climate Change”***

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(Allocated time: 3 minutes)

***Honourable Chair,
Excellencies Speakers and Members of Parliaments,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen.***

The Global Organization of Parliamentarians against Corruption believes that combating corruption is crucial to the success of the Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal 13 on Climate Actions. The COP-26 last year concluded with a promise of a net-zero target from over 90% of world GDP and around 90% of global emissions. Yet, such commitment shall not be left on a piece of paper.

Phasing out emissions will require enormous funding in both the public and private sectors. A mobilization of jointly US\$ 100 billion pledge from developed-country parties to the UNFCCC is also needed to be realized as soon as possible to address mitigation actions. These actions are part of the SDG13 targets and thus, parliament should take proper measures to ensure the successful implementation of this goal.

Parliament should monitor the implementation of these net-zero pledges. We need to pursue greater transparency and accountability on national and international climate actions. Any legislation to be made towards achieving such net-zero targets shall cover matters of transparency, accountability, inclusivity, and ways to measure the impact of any net-zero projects to the citizens.

In addition, strong anti-corruption legislation is also needed to develop a robust governance system towards the net-zero transition. GOPAC also highlights that any transition projects are no immune to corruption. Green projects or not, they are susceptible to corruption offences such as bid-rigging, undue influence, bribery, or infrastructure mark-up. Thus, an active and ongoing parliamentary oversight mechanism against climate actions implementation is crucial.

Distinguished delegates,

In the efforts to successfully implement the SDGs, including the SDG13 on Climate Actions, GOPAC, within the past years, developed an SDGs handbook for Parliament. The handbook, which was jointly developed by

GOPAC, the Islamic Development Bank, and the UNDP, aims to equip Parliament with guidance, good practices, and tools from around the world that can be adapted, as needed, depending on the national context, by the Parliament to implement the SDGs successfully. It is designed as an easy-to-use resource that can help parliamentarians and parliamentary staff members play an effective role in implementing the SDGs, including the SDG13 on Climate Actions.

GOPAC encourages parliaments around the world to make use of this Parliamentary Handbook so that parliament can ensure that the net-zero pledges as part of the SDGs commitments are not just merely a talking shop at the international level.

Our gathering here at the 144th IPU Assembly emphasizes how the choices we make today will resonate for decades to come. Changes must be made if we want to secure our earth for generations to come.

Thank you.

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