148th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union "Parliamentary Diplomacy: building bridges for peace and mutual understanding"

Dear Madam Chairperson, Dear colleagues!

As we all know a terrible terrorist act took place in the Russian Federation just yesterday.

In this regard, we express our condolences to the entire nation the of Russian Federation.

Kazakhstan strongly condemns any terrorist attack against peaceful citizens.

In this regard, President of Kazakhstan called on member states of the United Nations to unanimously oppose this type of violence against innocent citizens.

We believe that also within the framework of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, we must jointly fight this evil.

Because there is probably not a single country in the world that is not concerned with the issues of **peace and security**.

This is a particularly crucial issue for Kazakhstan too.

Today, it is important not only to talk about this, but also to constantly work to strengthen the values of mutual respect and trust in international relations. In this regard, under the leadership of President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Kazakhstan contributes to sustainable development and the formation of a harmonious future for all the humanity.

This is especially clearly evidenced by the large-scale political reforms conducted in our country in recent years.

Nowadays, all conditions have been provided for the creation of a democratic country, a fair Kazakhstan.

This is the key to peace and prosperity.

The Parliament of Kazakhstan is also actively involved in this work.

In addition, we can highlight the country's initiatives against nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, as well as regular held Congresses of leaders of world and traditional religions.

We will continue this work in the future.

We are confident that parliaments around the world are committed to actively promote the Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

We are working to create the United Nations Regional Center for Sustainable Development for Central Asia and Afghanistan in the city of Almaty. The parliament holds a special parliamentary commission to monitor the implementation of national goals and objectives in the field of sustainable development.

Members of the Parliament welcome the importance of using the mechanisms of parliamentary diplomacy to prevent and resolve international conflicts.

Recently, we approved in the Parliament a decision to deploy the peacekeeping contingent of Kazakhstan to the Golan heights.

This is the first independent mission of our peacekeepers under the mandate of the United Nations.

We value this measure as a contribution of Kazakhstan to the global security and stability.

In this regard, I believe that parliamentarians should actively share their best experiences and practices in the main key areas of state policy.

At the same time, Inter-Parliamentary relations in Central Asia can be modeled on **gender issues**.

This can be confirmed by my distinguished colleagues from Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan attending today's event here in Geneva.

Within the framework of the **dialogue of women of Central Asian countries**, created with the support of the United Nations, we are discussing such topical issues as the protection of women rights, their role in the economy, innovation, technology, women's contribution to peace and security.

The association **"Technowomen Central Asia"** has found and recognized many unique talents among women in the region.

Dear colleagues!

Today we live in an exceedingly difficult geopolitical situation.

Therefore, we must find solutions aimed at maintaining the economic ties of our countries.

Among them is the **development of international** transport and logistics cooperation.

Kazakhstan is working tirelessly to diversify transcontinental transportation across the Eurasian continent.

The Middle Corridor is a significant contribution of our country and the whole of Central Asia to the global economic connectivity.

Of particular importance is the creation of a clear **legal regime** of the middle corridor.

Another topical issue for discussions at the Interparliamentary platform is the **food security**.

Hereby, as a concrete example, I would like to mention the **Islamic Organization for Food Security**, which is designed to provide the population of Islamic countries with affordable food, develop transit and logistics routes.

Efficient use of Water Resources is also one of the most important topics.

Kazakhstan, like all its neighbors, is experiencing the consequences of climate change.

In particular, this is the depletion of the water resource, violation of the ecological balance and biodiversity.

The devastating floods in Pakistan two years ago showed that innocent countries are often affected by climate change in the face of global thaws.

In this regard, I would like to inform you that the "One Water Summit" will be held in New York this year on the initiative of the Presidents of Kazakhstan and France.

And in 2026, Kazakhstan plans to hold a **Regional climate summit** within the framework of the United Nations.

In this context, our delegation fully supports the Assembly resolution on partnerships for Climate Action.

Dear colleagues!

The main topic of discussions is relevant and especially important, as are the topics of the Standing Committees of the 148th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

The efforts of the Interparliamentary Union to study the impact of the use of autonomous weapons systems and artificial intelligence on everyday life are supported by the Parliament of Kazakhstan.

In conclusion, I assure you that the recommendations of the Interparliamentary Union will always be carefully studied and applied by the Parliament of Kazakhstan.

Dear Madame Chairperson, dear colleagues!

Our parliamentary opportunities can contribute to achieve our best ideals of communication and dialogue for peace and mutual understanding.

I have great confidence in our common cooperation on the path of achieving the extraordinary goals.

Thank you for the kind attention.