



## **Wolesi Jirga National Assembly of Afghanistan**

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**بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ!**

Excellency President of the IPU,  
Hon. Parliamentarians, distinguished delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen;

**Good Morning/Afternoon,**

I am very happy to participate in this important conference as the Speaker of the Wolesi Jirga (House of People) and on behalf of the people and government of Afghanistan.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the members parliaments of the IPU for supporting the Afghan people in their fight against terrorism and for their continued cooperation in the development of economy and strengthening relations between nations.

**Excellencies,**

Afghanistan is at the forefront of the fight against global terrorism. The existing insecurity and war, with the intervention of intelligence networks and with the support of a number of countries in the region, along with drug production and trafficking, poverty and unemployment, insufficient economic development and growth, declining national income and increasing public expectations, has faced the Afghan parliament with many problems.

Strengthening inter-parliamentary relations and strengthening ties between nations through the exchange of experiences of countries that have experienced the same situation like Afghanistan, helps us to succeed in combating existing threats and challenges.

### **Honorable Members of IPU,**

The cooperation of parliaments as representatives of nations can strengthen the development of relations and the integration of humanitarian aspirations and goals between nations.

Improving relations in order to ensure world peace and globalization of economic, cultural and social development through the exchange of knowledge and experience is one of the most important tasks of parliaments, which has a role beyond purely political and diplomatic relations between governments.

The Afghan parliament is committed to supporting and implementing IPU decisions to meet existing needs and play a more active role in international politics.

We believe that peace and stability, sustainable development and solidarity will be achieved through unity and cooperation with Inter-Parliamentary Union.

### **Respected Members of IPU,**

The world is facing great challenges in the 21st century.

As climate change exacerbates the environmental crisis, the global environment has been destabilized by the underestimation of environmental laws.

The current nationalist uprisings, the politics of discrimination and competition, the violation of human rights, the violation of humanitarian law, migration, proxy wars, terrorism and extremism, the confrontation and struggle over the seizure of economic resources by governments, together with Corona disease threaten the future of nations.

If the national isolationist policies are further applied by governments in the international arena, a common global civilization will undoubtedly be threatened.

If governments' fears of globalization, reciprocity, and small-scale identities increase, nations will witness alienation and dangerous wars world peace and stability will be destroyed.

On the other hand, the outlook for climate change is threatening, greenhouse gas emissions are dangerously changing the Earth's climate, and global warming will exacerbate environmental tragedy in the future.

Climate change may lead to global food shortages and trigger catastrophic migration across borders.

#### **H. E President of IPU,**

There is no doubt that governments have different views and opinions on the issues mentioned, but these differences should not turn into separation and alienation between nations. The world needs a new international order.

By strengthening their ties, the IPU member states oblige governments to fulfill their responsibilities and foster a unique era of peace and a healthy environment.

I suggest that the IPU take urgent action to secure strategic plans to ensure the future of human life.

The Afghan parliament and government are preparing for peace talks with the Taliban, provided that the Taliban sever ties with international terrorist groups that threaten world peace and stability and announce ceasefire .

If the outcomes of the peace talks is not guaranteed by IPU member states, and US and NATO troops leave Afghanistan before peace is achieved, a security vacuum will be created and war will intensify in the region, then there will be no lasting peace and stability in the region and beyond.

As Speaker of the Wolesi Jirga (House of People), I urge all members of the IPU to encourage their governments to support the Afghan government's peace process with the Taliban and to ensure that positive results are achieved.

We are determined to make a serious effort to eradicate international terrorism and build greater confidence in securing global sustainable development, and to play our role as guardians of world peace and stability.

**Thank You!**