

**Speech by H.E. Ms. Zinaida GRECEANÎI,  
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that delivers peace and sustainable development for the  
people and planet”**

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Dear Madam President,

Distinguished colleagues,

I am glad to greet you in an online format.

Today, international parliamentarism plays an especially important role in the general development of the international community, including in uniting efforts to consolidate the systems of international security and actions against new threats.

The unprecedented global crisis related to COVID-19 has clearly shown how important cooperation, coordination of measures and actions, experience exchanges among countries, as well as among law-making institutions are in overcoming the threats looming over humanity.

Regardless the processes of globalization, the pandemic has proven that the countries and peoples of the world are meant to work in unison, especially in the face of such a serious, I would say - insidious, danger.

I would like to note that, even in such extreme circumstances, the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova did not stop its working process. The standing parliamentary committees have successfully implemented the model of distance work. Thus, the process of drafting and adopting laws did not stop for a single day.

We have witnessed an unprecedented mobilisation of the charity organisations, companies, and private initiatives of citizens to help fight the pandemic. The Members of our Parliament were among the first to

announce donations to the COVID-19 Fund, thus motivating dozens of other organisations and thousands of ordinary citizens.

In this context, I would like to express to all of them and, of course, to our external partners and friends, my deep gratitude for their support in these difficult times.

We all hope for an early overcoming of this crisis that has seized all countries and for a victory over the pandemic. At the same time, we understand that the world will never be the same as it was before. Making it better and safer for people is our common goal.

I am confident that a lot of joint work and common success are ahead of us.

Wish you all good health!