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Honorable Heads and members of delegations

Distinguished Attendees

I would like to express my feelings of happiness and pride for being present with you in the fourth world Conference of speakers of parliaments. It gives me also a great pleasure to present my greetings to all of you, as well as my sincere thanks and gratitude to all the contributors to the organization of this distinguished world event.

Honorable president

Distinguished ladies and Gentlemen

The people's Representatives Assembly which has been established since few months is working hardly and steadily for guaranteeing the success of the young democratic process and the establishment of the constitutional institutions, in addition to its legislative and controlling role.

The People's representatives Assembly affirms also its attachment and support for the efforts aiming at reinforcing cooperation between the parliaments members in the Inter – Parliamentary Union In order to enhance the values of democracy, security and the achievement of sustainable development for the purpose to have a better world.

In this context, we also affirm our belief in the organic interdependence between democracy and security and sustainable development because it is time to deal with this issue from another side on the basis of the conviction that it is mainly a multi - dimensional strategy rather than an automatic process, especially with its new version, programmed to be concretized in 2030.

However it is imperative to recognize that achieving sustainable development objectives to which we all aspire and which is a main requirement of development and upgrading to the best is hampered by the proliferation of many threats and foremost terrorism for which there is no unified definition, however it is associated with the feelings of fear, terror and panic, in addition to the exercise of violence, destruction of economies and destabilizing the regimes.

Honorable president

Distinguished ladies and Gentlemen

It is obvious that combating terrorism risks requires at first the adoption of a qualitative development model based on the analysis of the deep reasons that nourish terrorism as tension and absence of hope for young people and the spread of ignorance and despair.

The second phase of the development model must take into account the careful examination based on changing the educational programs and attributing more importance to childhood, youth and women, as well as enhancing the gender equality and improving the quality of life, creation of jobs for the unemployed persons in order to achieve sustainable development and social peace in the framework of democracy.

In this context, we should say that Tunisia is not in isolation from these terrorist threats that targeted our country and unfortunately led to many victims including our dear visitors and privileged guests and I take the opportunity to express solidarity with their families.

Terrorist threats resulted also in many Tunisian victims including soldiers, security officers and civilians. It should be noted that the recently targeting of terrorism to Tunisia must not be confined within the limits of targeting Tunisians security and economy because terrorism targets also human values and universal principles which we share and the democratic process which we have succeeded in achieving an important stage of it.

In this occasion I acknowledge the efforts made by the United Nations in many fields, thus, I take the opportunity to call on the united Nations to include fighting terrorism within its programs by addressing the causes of this phenomenon through emphasizing on pushing forward development and social justice, in addition to, fighting against the causes of poverty and unemployment in the countries that witness terrorist threats.

Honorable President

Ladies and Gentlemen

Tunisia has adopted a comprehensive approach which does not depend only on the security and military solution and protectionist measures, but it necessities also more efficient solutions mainly based on democracy, development and social justice which would reassure that the attempts of terrorist groups to destabilize the situation in Tunisia are without future because they are isolated groups without popular support.

Honorable President

Ladies and Gentlemen

As we appreciate the existing cooperation between the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations to achieve optimal interaction between parliaments and Governments in order to devote the

values of democracy and security and sustainable development, we are confident that they do not spare no effort in supporting our efforts and delivering the messages of hope and optimism that we send from this tribune to all brotherly and friendly countries and to all the partners to support us for the purpose to overcome the crucial challenges that we face by taking into account that terrorism is a new phenomenon for us, Therefore, we call on to intensify joint cooperation by enabling us to obtain logistical support , to exchange experiences and coordination to address this phenomenon, eradicate the violence and extremism aspects , In addition to supporting economic and financial cooperation for the benefit of our emerging democracy .

Honorable President

Ladies and Gentlemen

As we express our happiness for being with you today, we hope that this conference represents another step toward strengthening the role of the international parliamentary community to achieve security, prosperity and peace in the world. We also take the opportunity to call the international community from this tribune to find a just and permanent solution for the brotherly Palestinian cause and to put an end for their long suffering.

At the end I reiterate greeting you and wishing success for your conference.

Thank you for attention.