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***“Nurturing Hope, Securing Peace and Ensuring Justice for Future  
Generations”***

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**H.E. Dr. Tulia Ackson**, *President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Speaker of the National Assembly of the United Republic of Tanzania,*

*Heads of Delegation,*

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

1. Allow me to convey my highest appreciation to the Parliament and Government of the Republic of Türkiye for their gracious hospitality, and excellent arrangements for the meeting as well as to the Inter-Parliamentary Union for its steadfast leadership in advancing parliamentary diplomacy and multilateral cooperation at a time when both are needed more than ever.
2. The theme of this Assembly, **“Nurturing hope, securing peace, and ensuring justice for future generations,”** is both timely and deeply resonant.
3. For ASEAN, peace is not an abstract ideal. It is the very foundation upon which our regional community has been built as evidenced through the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) which celebrates this year its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia is a normative, legally binding document, guided by its five core principles: *mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-interference, the peaceful settlement of disputes, the renunciation of the threat or use of force and effective cooperation*. These are part of international law to secure lasting peace and justice in a concert of nations.
4. Parliaments are indispensable to this endeavour through our legislative, oversight, budgetary, and representative functions.
5. Our People-centred agenda generates hope which must be nurtured through institutions that are responsive to the needs of the People, among others women, girl, youth and vulnerable persons, capable of delivering meaningful progress in times of uncertainty.
6. Long-term peace and durable security have to prevail through a culture of accountability to the People we represent, as well as our unwavering sense of duty for social justice.

7. As we enter the digital age and the rapid spread and utilisation of artificial intelligence, political ethics should govern our economies, securing employment and revenues are crucially important for our young generations. Parliaments are also called to join the combat against climate change and efforts to foster responsible investment in agriculture, food and forestry. Sustainable developments are at stake. Parliamentary diplomacy has to be deployed diligently in order to help our planet stay green and blue.
8. In this spirit, AIPA is firmly committed to working in close partnership with the IPU and with parliaments across regions in advancing a more peaceful, predictable, equitable, harmonious and cooperative international order.
9. In an era marked by profound uncertainty, may we continue to act not as custodians of the present alone, but as trustees of the future—guided by wisdom, responsibility, and an unwavering commitment to peace.

I thank you.



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