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Speaker of parliaments and Heads of delegations,

Dear Colleagues,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Last year we met here, in this deep-rooted country that we respect and appreciate its efforts in activating the work of APA. From this platform, we had notified and conveyed the Syrian government warning to the whole world: That what some of the world States that differ politically with Syria- and what some neighboring countries are doing by supporting terrorist armed extreme groups facilitating their access to Syria will destabilize the Middle East region throughout long decades.

Today, our colleagues, I believe that there is no case deserves to be a main item on our agenda more than the case of international terrorism that is spreading like cancer in the Middle East, especially Syria, Iraq and their neighborhood. From our side, we have warned more than once in different international forums, we had pointed to the catastrophe that some terrorist powers are gathered, supported by regional and western states known to everyone. Here, we are warning one more time in front of you the danger of spreading terrorist organizations that escaped the constraints of supporting countries and became a danger, not just on Syria and Iraq but they are threatening the international peace and security.

For additional warning of the danger of the continuation of "alliance allies" led by Washington against what is called (ISIL) to ignore the UN SC Resolutions :starting by 1371 not ending with 2170 and 2178 that all emphasize on the need of international cooperation in facing terrorism and draining its resources and following the foreign fighters
in order to prevent their border cross. We are alarming from the attempts of some states to exploit this alliance to strike the infrastructure in Syria and to impose flight ban zone and other devilish purposes, aiming not to fight terrorism but to fight the Syrian State and the Syrian Arab Army that has been fighting terrorism for almost four years instead of the whole world. I believe all of you know the conditions of the Turkish Government in this alleged alliance.

Dear Colleagues,

After a decade and a half of wars lunched by US under what is called "fighting terrorism", terrorism and terroristic crimes increased and multiplied, and spaces dominated by these organizations were expanded as well. How long the world will move in the wrong direction imprisoned in the US policy, which brought nothing to the world but destruction and woes? How long the people in the region will pay the price of US policies that have contributed to the creation of the hotbeds of tension and increased expansion of terrorism? Everyone knows that without Western intervention and support for extremists in Syria and Iraq by known States under false pretenses and absurd slogans, ISIL and Al Nusra Front could not extend to this limit. Everyone also knows that ISIL and Al Nusra Front were born from the womb of the organizations supported financially and in the media by west, and got tons of arms and ammunition to fight the Syrian and Iraqi armies under the pretext of supporting democracy and freedom and other false slogans.

Today, the US Administration with its allies are working on passing a devilish project under the pretext of fighting terrorism. This project comes under what is called training and arming what is called "moderate opposition" under the pretext of fighting ISIL, but the truth is to fight the Syrian Arab Army. Turkey has flagrantly declared that its priority is that the alliance should fight the Syrian Government more than combating the terrorist organizations Listed on UN terrorist list. So is it possible the Turkey would train militants on its territory to fight
ISIL. We should not forget that Saudi Arabia has declared that it wants to train what they call the moderate opposition to fight the Syrian Army. These are some of the priorities of the neighboring countries participating in the international alliance to fight terrorism. These might be undeclared priorities to other states participating in this alliance. You can conclude what an alliance they pretend to fight terrorism! From here we assure that anyone thinks or works on training any Syrian militants outside the Syrian state frame, is a partner to terrorism. That is because all the terrorist organizations in Syria were born from the womb of militant groups supported and financed by the West for the last four years. As well as any support to a Syrian militant group will be an actual participation in supporting terrorism and a flagrant violation to UN charter and SC Resolutions. Let everybody know that any movement of this kind would not pass without react, and the participating states will be unable to endure repercussions.

Dear colleagues,

In parallel with these suspected movements, last week diplomatic efforts were raised some of them come under the international umbrella, and some others through good international movements aiming to decrease fighting in Syria providing atmospheres with them the diplomatic efforts could regain their impulse to initiate a dialogue between the Syrian parts. One of these efforts is the visit of the UN’s special envoy De Mistura to Damascus presenting an initiative to freeze fighting in some Syrian regions starting from Aleppo. The Syrian leadership has declared its readiness to study the plan when it is completed as a way to decrease fighting and enabling the diplomatic efforts to take place. Especially, that the Syrian state, itself, has started these kinds of reconciliations in more than one area in Syria, and what has happened in Homs is a clear example of the Syrian state precedence in this regard. As well as one of these international movements was the thankful efforts of Russian federation to revive the political solution
path by bringing together all the Syrian parts to a dialogue table from which a base of an applicable solution could come out.

Syria welcomed any true effort aiming to put an end to the Syrian bleeding and keep the Syrian unity and sovereignty. Here we should confirm in front of you that any political solution could not success unless it is connected to a real movements and good intuitions to face terrorism and extreme Takfiri ideology, which is supported by Arabic media broadcasting grudge and hatred between the same people, and financed by organizations and governments in the region and outside it. This move should be started by applying pressure on states that arm and finance the armed groups in Syria in order to stop supporting the terrorist and extremists, also controlling the borders to stop the foreign fighters who enter Syria through the Turkish borders easily.

We also emphasize that the war on terrorism in Syria whatever the major Western powers mobilize for will not succeed in eliminating terrorism. It would be unable to defeat terrorism and eradicate it unless a coordination and cooperation happened with the Syrian and Iraqi governments in the framework of Security Council Resolutions away from the narrow immediate interests of some governments. The war on terror today, is a war of values of civilization against the forces of evil and darkness. If we were able to stop these forces and eliminate them, we would be able to make a better future for our peoples and our children. Otherwise, we are handing over the future to the cutters of heads and machetes holders. It is up to your discretion, wisdom, and conscience.

We, out of this platform, are looking forward to the Asian Parliamentary Assembly with everything it consists from the good forces to mobilize efforts in the path of fighting terrorism according to a binding comprehensive international strategy for all and with the participation of everyone. Trans-border terrorism cannot be defeated by hits here and there, or by air strikes of unknown targets, but it needs a comprehensive response, and the legal basis to fight it exists in the
Security Council Resolutions. Let us move today not tomorrow, tomorrow may be too late.

Finally, we would like to express our sincere thanks and great appreciation to the Republic of Pakistan and the Parliament of Pakistan; the Senate and the National Assembly for efforts to host this meeting. As well as, we thank the Secretariat for the good preparation for this meeting, and we wish success in taking decisions and recommendations contribute to strengthen the cooperation and solidarity among Asian countries and the coordination of approaches between Asian governments to address issues of concern to the continent and its peoples.