## Asian Parliamentary Assembly

Secretary-General



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His Excellency, Mr. Mohammad Sadiq Sanjarani Honorable Speaker Senate of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

## Excellency,

On the occasion of the National Day of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan which falls on March 23 every year, I have the honor to convey my warmest congratulations and best wishes to Your Excellency and through you to your colleagues in the Senate and the people of Pakistan.

Since establishment of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) in 2006, Senate of Pakistan has been actively contributing towards realization of the various objectives pursued by this regional parliamentary body in the vast Continent of Asia.

Unfortunately, year 2020 witnessed the most devastating tragedy of the century as the aftermath of COVID-19 virus outbreak which deeply impacted both health and economy of people across the world.

Under such sorrowful circumstances, APA Secretariat has made every effort to continue its assigned mission through being in constant touch with all the APA member parliaments in order to continue its usual business through virtual meetings. No doubt, fight against this invisible enemy calls for collective measures.

I am truly delighted to underline that parliamentary diplomacy has found its core meaning under this tragic situation. Therefore, it is expected that all the APA member parliaments get united and share all their potential together in a bid to eradicate this global pandemic by resort to parliamentary approaches.

May I take this opportunity to wish Your Excellency good health, well-being and success in your important position as Speaker of the Senate of Pakistan.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Best Regards Mohammad Reza Majidi Secretary General

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