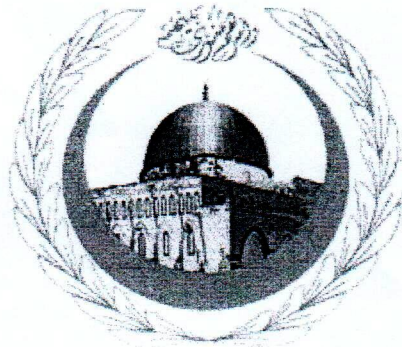


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H.E. Mr. Samdech Moha Ponhea Chakeri HENG Samrin,  
President of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia  
And APA President,

Excellencies Speakers of APA Member Parliaments,

H.E. Mr. M.H. Nejad Hosseinian, *Prof. MAJIDI*  
APA Secretary General,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

May peace be upon you.

Allow me to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation for your kind invitation to our PUIC to attend and participate, as an observer, in the 9<sup>th</sup> APA Session which is being held in Siem Reap, the beautiful Cultural Capital of the friendly Kingdom of Cambodia. We are further pleased that the theme of your discussion and the exchange of views addresses an important matter of concern to all the states of the world, i.e. "Promoting Peace and Sustainable Development in Asia."

Perhaps promoting peace, or let us say finding peace, in the first place, whose primacy of its realization shall remain an invaluable wish, before being a living reality for the entire humanity. No wonder that the United Nations Organization has identified its primary goal as the realization of world peace and security. If peace is achieved, development shall be easy to attain and realize.

As you know, peace has pillars that ensure its firm establishment and deep-rootedness, the most important of which is justice that is protected by strong institutions which guarantee justice for all. Furthermore, transparency shall flourish as well as accountability by which people shall



be equal before the law; no one shall feel injustice or humiliation. Human rights shall thrive and society shall be devoid of animosities and hostilities which lead to social restlessness and the emergence of fanatical instincts which in turn lead to the prevalence of anarchy and devastation.

We, therefore, hail your initiative to promote peace in Asia, and make it the key to achieve sustainable development. As peace is an indivisible whole, its assurance and durability requires that all states, especially neighboring ones, shall also enjoy it. Failure of peace in any part shall threaten the remaining parts. We recognize that the mushrooming of terrorist actions in today's world, without any geographical restrictions or political boundaries for their propagation emphasize that cooperation and coordination among all states to establish the foundations of peace is an obligation. This necessitates thanking you also for the call to realize it in your promising continent.

**Mr. President,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is needless to recall that peace is a primary necessity for development. We, therefore, maintain that establishing the linkage between the two concepts in your important conference is an indication of a deep understanding and far-sightedness for their need of each other.

In 1983, the UN decided to establish the World Commission on Environment and Development, in which it defined sustainable development as meeting the needs of the present.

The First Conference on Environment and development was held in Rio De Janeiro in 1992. Twenty years later, Rio+ 20 Conference decided the Future We Want. Agreement was reached on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS). In 2015 the UN passed the Agenda of Sustainable Development of 2030, a package of 17 goals, including elimination of poverty and hunger; improving health services and the quality of education, clean water; availability of energy; and justice for all. They also encourage

cooperation in the framework of organizations and the international community to energize and achieve these goals.

We may add other objectives of Sustainable Development that have been decided by the Paris meeting on Climate Change in December 2015, and emphasized by the Marrakech Conference in November 2016 that make cooperation among states and continents more obligatory for saving Planet Earth from perils and renders it more compatible for realizing Sustainable Development, namely:

1. Climate Action: to combat climate change and its impacts by regulating emissions and promoting development in renewable energy.
2. Life on Land: protect, restore and promote Sustainable Development by managing forests, combating desertification, halting land degradation, and halting biodiversity loss.

**Mr. President,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Our mutual participation in PUIC-APA Parliamentary events, as well as the exchange of our experiences and researches shall be of help to both of us in promoting and achieving our sublime objectives and satisfying the aspirations and hopes of our peoples in a life blessed with peace and prosperous livelihood.

I wish your conference success and triumph.

Thanking you for your listening