

# **Asian Parliamentary Assembly**

## **Secretary-General**



### **APA Secretary General' Message on the Occasion of International Day of Parliamentarism**

**Excellency,**

On the occasion of the International Day of Parliamentarism, I am pleased to extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes to the honorable speakers, distinguished parliamentarians of APA member parliaments, as well as representative institutions, most particularly the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and to all parliaments around the world, in recognition of their invaluable contributions to promotion of democracy, constructive dialogue, peace and good governance.

This important occasion serves as a timely reminder of the indispensable role of parliaments in advancing representative governance, fostering mutual understanding among nations, and promoting the principles of multilateralism. Through parliamentary diplomacy, legislators contribute significantly to building trust, enhancing cooperation, and strengthening the foundations of a more peaceful, just, and prosperous international order.

At a time when the international community faces increasingly complex challenges, including geopolitical tensions, conflicts, economic uncertainties, and the growing tendency toward unilateral and coercive policies, parliamentary institutions have a unique responsibility to serve as platforms for constructive dialogue, consensus-building, and peaceful engagement. Addressing international dimensions of parliamentary cooperation remains one of the most effective instruments for bridging differences, encouraging multilateral cooperation, and advancing common solutions to shared challenges.

In this context, therefore, the initiator of the landmark decision instituting this important observance on 30 June, the United Nations, together with the international community, should continue to strengthen its support for parliamentary diplomacy as a vital pillar of global governance and multilateral cooperation. In this regard, enhanced parliamentary engagement can serve as an effective means helping to counter unilateral and forceful approaches by promoting inclusive dialogue, respect for international law, sovereign equality of states, and a collective commitment to addressing global issues through cooperation and mutual respect.

The Asian Parliamentary Assembly remains firmly committed to advancing parliamentary dialogue and cooperation across Asia and beyond. We firmly believe that stronger inter-parliamentary relations can contribute meaningfully to peace, stability, sustainable development, and the realization of our shared aspirations for a more harmonious and cooperative world.

On this International Day of Parliamentarism, I commend all parliaments and parliamentarians for their dedicated efforts to build bridges among peoples and nations, and I wish them continued success in fulfilling their noble responsibilities in the service of peace, democracy, development, and international understanding.

**Best Regards,**  
**Mohammad Reza Majidi**