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**Sustainable development: towards the achievement of
sustainable development: implementation of the 2030 Agenda
for Sustainable Development, including through sustainable
consumption and production, building on Agenda 21**

Letter dated 24 August 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to convey to you the Bukhara declaration on global interparliamentary cooperation in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, adopted at the International Forum on Global Interparliamentary Cooperation held in Bukhara, Uzbekistan, on 23 and 24 June 2021 (see annex).

I would appreciate it if you could circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 19 (a).

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Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 24 August 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Bukhara declaration of the International Forum on Global Interparliamentary Cooperation in Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals

We, the participants of the International Forum on Global Interparliamentary Cooperation in Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals,

Gathered in Bukhara on 23 and 24 June 2021 to declare our commitment to shared responsibility for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals,

Recognizing that global interparliamentary cooperation enhances mutual understanding among different States and fosters balanced and mutually beneficial inter-State relations for sustainable development,

Sharing the understanding that parliaments, as the direct expression of the interests and will of the people, have a constitutionally mandated legislative and oversight function to improve the legal framework and provide in-depth analysis and an evaluation of the progress made towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals,

Aware that parliaments have an important role to play in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and implementing the public policies enshrined in each country's national development strategies,

Noting that, to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, parliaments must act at the global, national and subnational levels and ensure that the necessary resources are allocated and effectively used,

Emphasizing that establishing partnerships between parliaments and non-governmental organizations, the media, civil society institutions and the private sector, and enhancing forms of popular participation to address major issues of State and public life will ensure a concerted and inclusive response to national sustainable development challenges,

Considering that the timely achievement of all the Sustainable Development Goals is facing a significant challenge,

Stating the need to expand the legal and organizational framework for parliamentary involvement in studying and analysing the situation and in preparing analytical reviews and reports that are independent of the Government, as a form of parliamentary oversight of the implementation and further adjustment of national policies in the area of the Sustainable Development Goals,

Expressing deep concern that the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and related economic and social problems have had a negative impact on all sustainable development indicators, exacerbating challenges related to poverty, health and inequality,

Declaring that, in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, all previous achievements related to the Sustainable Development Goals agenda, including poverty reduction and the improved health and enhanced well-being of people, could be reversed unless the international community, parliaments and Governments of all

countries take decisive and practical action to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Having discussed the role and place of parliamentary institutions in enhancing the effective achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and in developing innovative mechanisms for implementing parliamentary oversight in this area,

Seeking to further deepen interparliamentary ties, strengthen interaction between legislative bodies and share experiences and best practices in order to improve law-making,

Call for:

- Short-, medium- and long-term solutions to be found to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, leaving no country and no one behind;
- Every effort to be made to ensure the participation of all persons or those representing their interests in the political process, regardless of age, gender, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion, economic or any other status;
- Parliaments, where appropriate, to be involved in the development, review and approval of programmes (plans and roadmaps) for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;
- Support for the adoption of a United Nations General Assembly resolution on increasing the role of parliaments in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and ensuring human rights;
- Every assistance to be provided for targeted research, surveys and censuses that help to monitor progress on the Sustainable Development Goals;
- The verification of statistical data collection, processing, analysis and dissemination processes and for their reliability to be ensured by parliaments, taking national circumstances into account;
- Support for initiatives by States and Governments to establish monitoring and coordinating bodies (committees, secretariats, commissions and groups) on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in order to establish a public feedback mechanism, and for parliaments to provide regular information to the public and reports on the results achieved and challenges encountered, taking national circumstances into account;
- Every efforts to be made to ensure the participation of citizens and authorized and independent expert organizations in the development and discussion of draft budgets, and for control to be strengthened over their implementation in order to ensure that national funds are spent most effectively and are focused on the targeted needs of people, in particular the most vulnerable categories of the population, and, for this purpose, to ensure quality control, monitoring and analysis of budget expenditures;
- Emphasis on the importance of official development assistance being provided on time and in full by developed countries;
- Recognition of the importance of resource mobilization and of maximizing and making effective use of domestic and external resources in order to overcome a country's sustainable development challenges;
- Every effort to be made to develop and improve a regional and national financing and investment strategy that provides adequate and predictable financing for the Sustainable Development Goals;

- Measures to be taken to improve the financing allocated by States, especially in low-income countries, to reduce poverty, strengthen health-care systems, improve the quality of education and protect the environment for the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda;
 - Assistance in the development of an integrated national financing framework that will leverage new forms of public-private partnerships to supplement existing resources;
 - Parliamentary measures to be implemented to promote human rights protection as a fundamental right by ratifying international human rights treaties, and for parliamentary oversight to be exercised over their implementation in the area of sustainable development;
 - The proactive use of inter-parliamentary cooperation channels in order to provide external effective and comprehensive support to developing countries, in line with their national development strategies, and for mutual accountability and parliamentary oversight for its effective use;
 - Global and regional organizations to collaborate with parliaments and become full and active partners in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, for capacity-building to support parliamentarians, and for their efforts to be jointly coordinated to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals;
 - Parliaments to use the opportunity of the High-level Political Forum to share best practices and make recommendations to overcome challenges to sustainable development and develop effective strategic and concerted measures to achieve the 2030 Agenda;
 - A review of the powers and mandates of specialized committees in order to ensure universal coverage of issues related to the Sustainable Development Goals;
 - Capacity-building of the parliamentary caucuses and political party groups that play an important role in debating and promoting legislative policy on sustainable development, and for an enhance dialogue with regional and global networks of parliamentarians in order to promote shared ideas;
 - Parliamentarians, civil society, political parties, non-governmental organizations, charitable foundations, the private sector, academic institutions and other stakeholders at all levels to be actively involved in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and in the preparation of national and alternative reports on their implementation.
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