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In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

-H.E. Mr. Bambang Soesatyo,

-Speaker of the People's Consultative Assembly, Republic of Indonesia

-Excellencies Speakers of Assemblies and Parliaments of the PUIC,

-Excellencies Heads of Institutions, Organizations and Associations, Invited to this Meeting

Ladies and Gentlemen

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I have the pleasure to attend with you the meeting of the Parliamentary Forum at the ancient city of Bandung which witnessed the foundation of the Non- Aligned Movement in the fifties of the last century. I would like, at the outset, to offer ample thanks to Indonesia, President, government, and people for their kind hosting of this meeting, and I thank the Indonesian Parliament, for its constructive and fruitful role in the PUIC, particularly Her Excellency Mrs. Puan Maharani, Speaker of the House of Representatives and all the Parliamentarians of this House.

I also thank H.E. Mr. Bambang Soesatyo, Speaker of the People's Consultative Assembly of the Republic of Indonesia for his kind invitation extended to us to attend this Meeting.

I affirm that the subjects which this Forum will address are at the core of the interests of the PUIC, especially the serious climate crisis, ramifications of the post-Corona Pandemic, tackling the economic crisis, as well as issues that impact human civilization.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States (PUIC), existing since 1999, is deploying incessant efforts to contribute to addressing all the issues of the Islamic Ummah: Political, cultural, economic and social. Existing PUIC organs respond to and interact with all causes submitted for scrutiny, commencing with its annual conference which decides on all matters; its General Committee which is mainly concerned with organizational and financial affairs; PUIC Executive Committee which is convened twice yearly; and then the General Secretariat which handles coordination and organization.

The PUIC currently has four Standing Specialized Committees, namely, Committee on Political Affairs and Foreign Relations; Committee on Economic Affairs and Environment; Committee on Human Rights, Women and Family; and Committee on Cultural and Legal Affairs, and Dialogue of civilizations and Religions.

The PUIC has also a special Committee on Palestine, as the cause of Palestine is considered the central cause of the Islamic Ummah. The PUIC includes a Conference of Muslim Women Parliamentarians which

addresses the issues of Muslim women. It includes also an Association of Secretaries General of PUIC Member Parliaments.

In view of the necessities that require developing the PUIC structures, the previous PUIC Conference created a Committee on Muslim Communities and Minorities pursuant to a successful initiative presented by the Grand National Assembly of the Republic of Turkiye. This Committee, held its first meeting this year in Ankara and began its activities.

Honorable Gathering,

The Coronavirus Pandemic has impacted the activities of the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States (PUIC), as it was the case in all international organizations, and indeed the entire world.

Nevertheless, PUIC activities proceeded through virtual meetings as well through meetings in-person, on issues under discussion.

Coming out of the Pandemic, PUIC activities are gaining momentum. Currently preparations are underway for the 17th PUIC Conference which will be held in Algeria, God willing.

**-H.E. Speaker of the People's Consultative Assembly of Indonesia,
-Excellencies, Organizers of this meeting,**

I confirm to you our readiness, at the level of the PUIC General Secretariat, to cooperate with you for the success of the idea for the sake of which you have organized this Meeting. We possess the capabilities to

assist you in this field. It is to be realized that our capabilities come from the esteemed members of our Union.

We are ready to place all our expertise and abilities at your disposal in order to realize the objective of the Meeting. We are also ready to follow up the results of this Meeting to ensure better cooperation among all Member Parliaments.

In conclusion, I renew my thanks to you, and wish this Meeting to be crowned with success and triumph.

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