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# Statement by the Inter-Parliamentary Union

**Second World Summit for Social Development  
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Thank you Chair.

The Inter-Parliamentary Union brings together 183 national parliaments globally. Over the years, the IPU has been working steadily to mobilize political will for the 2030 Development Agenda and build parliamentary capacities to adopt relevant laws and budgets. Parliaments and parliamentarians are the critical link that enables governments to deliver for the people on all development commitments, bridging the gap between what we aspire to achieve globally and what people experience daily in their communities. But to truly fulfil this role, parliaments must be meaningfully engaged as partners and as advocates in shaping global governance.

At the 150th IPU Assembly in April of this year, IPU Member Parliaments adopted the Tashkent Declaration, which provides a global parliamentary vision on social development. The Declaration recognizes that the global social development agenda has only been partially realized and calls for a policy reset in three key areas: investing in people to lift them from poverty to prosperity; democratizing the economy to benefit those who historically have been deprived of their fair share, particularly women and youth; and strengthening institutions.

The IPU and the Shura Council of the State of Qatar have brought this perspective to this Summit and broadened the discussion with other stakeholders in a dedicated parliamentary forum, which took place on 4 November.

The Forum highlighted the value of collaboration, knowledge exchange and mutual learning across sectors and countries. The Forum called for focusing on inequalities as a cross-cutting priority and opportunity to foster greater solidarity and shared benefits for people across the globe. It emphasized the importance of addressing precarious employment and investing in youth as a driving force for social development.

The IPU will continue to provide a space for sharing ideas, practical experiences and lessons learnt to build common understanding and identify shared solutions. In line with the Resolution *“Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union”* adopted by the UN General Assembly in July 2025, we strongly encourage strengthened cooperation to ensure that UN deliberations are consistently informed by parliamentary perspectives, and that relevant UN agreements like the Doha Political Declaration of the “World Social Summit” are effectively implemented through joint efforts. Together, we can ensure that the outcomes of this Summit are not just words on paper, but living commitments that resonate in parliaments, in policies, and most importantly, in people’s lives.

Thank you.