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In the name of God

Dear Sir and Madam,

We are remembering the human catastrophe which resulted from the use of nuclear weapons in 1945 against Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan.

Here, I ask a question: is there another way to ensure that this catastrophe will not happen again except effective, comprehensive, and ultimate disarmament for nuclear weapon?

As parliamentarians, we should unify our efforts with the United Nations to achieve international peace and security to eliminate the nuclear weapon. Our duty is confirming all related resolutions, conventions, treaties and agreements which commenced in 1946, including resolution 32/68 issued in 2013 that determined the 26<sup>th</sup> of September every year as an international day for ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons.

The nuclear arms race started in the mid of the 21 century with two states and has increased to nine states today. Reykjavik summit between the United States and Russian Federation has led to decrease the international stockpiles from nuclear weapons to the third. But the international stockpiles have around (19,000) nuclear weapons, more than 93% of it are under the possession of United States and Russian Federation, which equals, in its destructive capability, 500 thousand times of bombs that destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

States around the world spending around (100) milliard USD annually on nuclear weapons, half of this spending is in United States, while the cost of Millennium Development Goals on education, health, food, water, environmental protection not exceeded (120) milliard USD annually.

The International Parliamentarian Union (IPU) adopted a resolution in April, 2009 calls to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons, and the work on urging the political will to fulfill this aim. Also the IPU called to hold a conference as soon as possible to establish a middle east free of destructive weapons.

The absence of real awareness of threats, the preference of the temporary private interests of states, and the absence of political will, all these aspects deter the achievement of the goals of resolutions and appeals. Since seven decades, we are in the Middle East have been calling for zone free of weapons of mass destruction, but Israel's insistence to possess the nuclear weapons and refusal to join the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and subject its facilities to international inspection, absolutely will lead to involve the region in nuclear arms race instead of disarmament.

The Western talks with Iran were succeeding to achieve a convention, despite all the pessimism that encounters it, because the available of the political will. Also, In spite of the Israeli practices in pressing inside and outside the United States to halt the convention. This convention will not make the Middle East a Zone free of nuclear weapons but it's an important step on this way. The political will is a vital factor thus, the parliaments shall press on their States to stimulate this will to get its result in nuclear disarmament and not satisfy with the calls and appeals.

The states around the world should convince that what ensure its security and safety are the rule of law and justice and not what states acquire of weapons of mass destruction. The reform of the international system by activating the united Nations charter, that bans wars and

stipulates to dissolve conflicts according to the international law and by negotiations, and applying it on all States without exceptions. This is the way to establish a fair international law that ensure international peace and security.

A new threat has been found, we should be aware about it, it's the current threat of the terrorist organizations, which supported by weapons and money, thus there is a real possibility that this organizations maybe posses a weapon of mass destruction. Will states learn a lesson and deter this, and what are the better guarantees than destroying these weapons?

Peace and Allah's mercy and blessings upon you...