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« PEACE MEANS PATRIOTIC SOLIDARITY AMONG SOVEREIGN NATIONS »

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Distinguished President of the IPPO, Mr. Guowei Cui,

Dear participants and colleagues from the United Nations Office at Nairobi,

Dear guests!

I speak to you today from the head office of the International Progress Organization in Vienna. As co-founder of the IPPO, I sincerely regret that logistical circumstances have made it impossible for me to travel to Nairobi this time, and to chair the Forum here, at the African headquarters of the United Nations.

After our previous successful events at the United Nations in New York and Geneva, this year's Autumn Forum comes at a particularly crucial time of geopolitical tension and turbulence. The ongoing conflicts and confrontations directly – and massively – impact the peoples' right to development. The illegal use of armed force, in blatant violation of the United Nations Charter, against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of countries in different regions and continents has not only profoundly destabilized global order, but continues to cause serious, and increasing, economic hardship all around the world.

It is, thus, of special importance that we, members and supporters of the International Patriotic Pact Organization, further elaborate and insist on the

international dimension of patriotism so that the peoples of the United Nations are prepared to face the major challenges resulting from great power unilateralism – indeed adventurism – and hegemonic interference, particularly in the Global South. Also, the aggressive assertion of self-declared spheres of interest, as seen presently in the North Atlantic region, must be universally rejected.

The peoples of the world must not tolerate attempts by a major global player to impose a kind of neocolonial order in West Asia and Latin America in particular, and it must never accept a relapse into an age of anarchy due to unrestrained use of military power. As I said in this year's Spring Forum in Geneva, **war is incompatible with the peoples' right to development; it makes it meaningless.**

The International Patriotic Pact launched by the IPPO has been a major and innovative step to give meaning to the United Nations Charter's promises and pledges in the name of "We the Peoples of the United Nations," as solemnly expressed in the Preamble, but not fully implemented yet. As initiative of global civil society, we must directly address the ongoing injustices and mobilize international public opinion. The proposed IPPO Review Mechanism regarding the Right to Development, with its non-confrontational

approach, is a constructive step in that direction. As stated in draft Article 2(1), it favors “dialogue, rather than conducting political trials or imposing penalties.”

We must raise awareness and a sense of obligation on the part of decision-makers in all countries that the national interests of *any* country – whether large or small, weak or powerful – need to be pursued with due regard for the rights of all other members of the international community. No country has the right to impose its agenda on the rest of the world, and no country is entitled to proclaim itself the “indispensable” nation. Too often in history, practices of colonial domination and exploitation have been hidden under the pretext of exceptionalism.

We must therefore clarify our *counter-position*: True patriotism makes only sense, and deserves only moral support, if it is rooted in the principle of mutuality, i.e. partnership among all nations as equals.

As organization in consultative status with the United Nations, the International Progress Organization joined the initiative of the IPPO at its very beginning. We wish today’s Forum – for the first time held on the African continent – full success. May the meeting contribute to an **effective reform** of the international system, first and foremost the United Nations with its

universal membership, according to the principle of **sovereign equality** of all nations, which is a core requirement of human rights. This alone will ensure a sustainable order of justice and peace that the peoples of the world have been denied for too long.

Peace means patriotic solidarity among sovereign nations.

Thank you for your attention.